

Rhianna Dobson-Love

Expert Witness
Occupational Therapist

Gloucester



Professional Background

Rhianna Dobson-Love is an Occupational Therapist with nearly ten years of clinical experience across acute hospital and community reablement settings. Her practice has focused predominantly on adult social care and the care of older people, with extensive experience in assessment, rehabilitation and discharge planning within complex health and social care pathways. She has worked with adults presenting with a wide range of physical, cognitive and psychosocial conditions, including fractures, long-term health conditions, acute illness, functional decline and complex comorbidity, supporting individuals to maximise independence while balancing risk, service provision and personal choice. Rhianna has significant experience managing complex presentations involving memory impairment, degenerative and progressive conditions, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, mental health conditions including anxiety and depression, and the functional consequences of substance and alcohol misuse. Her clinical work has included adults across a broad age range, including individuals with degenerative spinal conditions resulting in weakness, disability and reduced mobility. She routinely completes comprehensive functional assessments, develops tailored intervention plans and provides specialist input into equipment provision, adaptations and care planning to support safe living in the community.

Her community-based roles have involved the coordination and delivery of reablement and rehabilitation following hospital discharge. She has worked closely with clients and families to build support plans that reflect individual goals, wishes and identity, while ensuring that care provision is proportionate, evidence-based and sustainable. This has included regular liaison with social workers, housing teams, mental health services, NHS teams and specialist services to ensure continuity of care and long-term support where required.

Rhianna has held senior and leadership roles within the NHS, including Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist and Clinical Lead for a Care of the Elderly Therapy Team. She has completed postgraduate study in supervision of learning and assessment in practice, undertakes regular training in specialist equipment and single-handed care, and has engaged in action learning facilitation. Rhianna is fully trained in the Civil Procedure Rules, including relevant revisions as they arise. She maintains her professional expertise through ongoing CPD, reflective practice and mentoring within clinical teams.

Specialisms

- Dementia
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Parkinson's Disease
- Epilepsy
- Tremors / Ataxia
- Amputation
- Osteoarthritis
- Rheumatology
- Anxiety
- Personality disorders
- Fibromyalgia
- Chronic pain
- General medical & surgical conditions
- Palliative care
- End of Life Care

Age group

- Adults



Career history

- Occupational Therapist 2024 – Present
Worcestershire County Council Reablement Service
- Locum Occupational Therapist 2024 - Present
Worcestershire County Council Reablement Service
 - Working for Social Services completing timely assessments of clients in their own home to identify care and support needs. Provide rehabilitation, aids, adaptations and ongoing referrals for clients to help meet their needs and reduce ongoing care needs.
- Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist 2022 - 2023
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Leading and managing the Care of the Elderly Therapy Team. Managing a team of Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapists in Care of the Elderly. Ensuring ongoing education and support provided for both Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy students. Supporting Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists to deliver therapeutic interventions to older adults in a hospital setting. Participating in ongoing service development and quality improvement and reporting to the head and deputy head of inpatient therapy.
- Senior Occupational Therapist 2019 - 2022
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - As a Senior Occupational Therapist within COTE/MED and more recently in Research and Development I have gained experience in providing clinical supervision to band 5 therapists, therapy support workers and students. Throughout the duration have worked in an integrated team, supervising Physiotherapists as well as Occupational Therapists. As the senior therapist working across multiple wards, I had to find balance between supervising and maintaining a clinical caseload.
- Rotational Occupational Therapist 2016 - 2018
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Qualifications

- BSc in Occupational Therapy ,
Plymouth University, 2016
- MSc module in 'Supervision of Learning and
Assessment in Practice, 2022
- Action Learning Facilitator

Professional Memberships

- HCPC
- Royal College of Occupational Therapy

