



Expert Witness
Case Management
& Rehabilitation Services

CURRICULUM VITAE



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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Diploma of Occupational Therapy	
Welsh School of Occupational Therapy	1979
MSc Occupational Therapy	2007
AMPS (Assessment of Motor and Process Skills)	2002
Sensory Integration for Adults with learning Disabilities	2002

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

HCPC (Health and Care Professions Council)
BAOT (British Association of Occupational Therapists)
BABICM (British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers)
COTSS-NP (College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Neurological Practice)
MASCIP (Member of the Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals)

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Jill qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 1979. Jill began her career working in the field of mental health which has given her invaluable experience and the ability to understand client's complex problems and their reactions to difficulties. This was followed by experience working in the field of rehabilitation of adults in a hospital setting where she was involved in establishing a new rehabilitation department. At this stage Jill was head of occupational therapy with responsibilities for recruiting and supporting a team of occupational therapy staff.

In 1990, Jill began work for the Wheelchair Service, where she worked alongside Rehabilitation Engineers to assist in the provision of special seating, manual and electric wheelchairs. Jill dealt with clients with a wide range of physical disabilities including clients with profound and multiple disabilities (PMLD), both adults and children. She also worked with clients with spinal cord injuries and other neurological conditions including traumatic brain injury both in the hospital setting and in the community.

Following this, Jill returned to work for Social Services, where she continued to work with clients with a wide range of difficulties including head injuries, strokes, multiple sclerosis, orthopaedic and spinal cord injuries. Jill also gained experience of working with children with cerebral palsy and brittle bone disease. Her work involved helping clients to achieve as much independence as possible, with all aspects of their daily lives. Much of the work involved problem solving with the clients to help overcome their difficulties. Whilst working for Social Services Jill acted up as Service Manager for the Physical Disability Team where she was responsible for coordinating the team of occupational therapists, social workers and community care workers.

Jill has extensive experience as a lead practitioner, responsible for holding a large clinical caseload, involving service users with acquired brain injury, mental health problems, learning disabilities, people with challenging behaviour and people with profound and multiple disabilities. All her cases have been complex and she has experience of assisting other professionals to understand the needs of these complex clients.

Jill's also has experience of working with adults who are assessed as not having the capacity to consent to treatment and interventions has enabled her to transfer her skills to her current role of a case manager for clients with complex difficulties.

Alongside her work in multidisciplinary teams, Jill has both past and current experience of working as an occupational therapist involved in medico legal cases.

Since 2010, Jill has worked as a full time case manager with Tania Brown Limited, working with clients with complex injuries, including acquired brain injury and complex spinal cord injuries. She is especially interested in working with adults and children with cerebral palsy and other birth traumas. Her role as a case manager allows her to continue to work with people without capacity and with those people who have profound and complex disabilities. Over her long career, Jill has gained extensive experience in working with clients and their families in their own homes and of assisting them to cope with the myriad of problems that can occur when dealing with severe disabilities.

Jill is able to provide training to support workers and other professionals on several subjects, including the use of specialist equipment, aspects of sensory processing difficulties, the use of multisensory environments, how to set goals with clients and support workers and the mental and physical advantages of meaningful activities in a person's life. She has extensive experience of following the Model of Human Occupation and has been involved in devising new assessment tools that can be used with people with profound cognitive difficulties.

In 2012, Jill was promoted to the position of Senior Case Manager becoming responsible for reviewing the competencies of the other case managers both within the Midlands and the wider organisation. She is also actively involved in the training, mentoring and supervision of new and existing case managers.

Jill has extensive experience in the use of evidence based practice and goal setting and has been working to establish the use of evidence based assessments, goal setting and outcome measures within the company.

Jill continues to develop professional relationships with legal, medical and social care professionals in order to be able to support the clients and families she works with to the best of her abilities, utilising the skills she has developed over her extensive professional career.

Jill is also a member of the Spinal Injuries Association (SIA) and Headway.