

CURRICULUM VITAE



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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy – Manchester Metropolitan University

PG Cert Applied Health Research – University of Exeter

Acute Illness Management Certificate – Manchester Metropolitan University

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

Health Care Professions Council (HCPC)

Chartered Society Physiotherapy (CSP)

Case Management Society UK (CMS)



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Neal is a qualified chartered Physiotherapist. He graduated from Manchester and studied subsequently at the University of Exeter for a postgraduate certificate in Applied Health Research. Neal has worked extensively in NHS and privately in a wide variety of clinical settings. Post graduation Neal spent 12 months working privately as a musculoskeletal (MSK) Physiotherapist. Working in MSK services Neal was given the opportunity to develop his knowledge of orthopaedic conditions especially but also specialist areas such as acupuncture for pain relief. It was also during this time that Neal's interest in rehabilitation started. Working with patients and occupational partners he developed treatment plans that focused on return to work alongside patient goal setting.

Since that time he has worked within the NHS, beginning with Royal Bolton Hospital rotating mainly on general medical wards. Working as part of a multidisciplinary team Neal treated patients with a variety of conditions that included respiratory, orthopaedic, neurological and amputation. At Aintree University Hospital Neal completed clinical rotations in both neurological outpatient rehabilitation and amputee rehabilitation. Neurological conditions included but were not limited to Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, Stroke and spinal injury. Amputations were mainly lower limb often resulting from road traffic accidents and vascular complications. Aintree Hospital is a regional limb centre and Neal was able to assist colleagues with a departmental project to secure funding from the British Association of Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehabilitation (BACPAR).

As a Senior Physiotherapist Neal has worked in elderly community rehabilitation for Somerset Partnership Trust. In his current role Neal focuses on rehabilitation for patients with a variety of conditions that include neurological, musculoskeletal and orthopaedic. Patients often present with



long-term conditions that require a wide-ranging multi-disciplinary response. Neal has experience of working alongside other health professionals to develop a patient pathway/coherent rehabilitation plan. In a pioneering health & social combined service that originated at Somerset Partnership Trust, Neal participated in various service improvement initiatives. He successfully combined his health research studies at Exeter University with workplace projects that focused on reducing waiting times and improving outcome measures with more widespread use of patient satisfaction questionnaires. Somerset Partnership Trust have origins in mental health services and the opportunity has presented for Neal to work with patients with learning difficulties and patients with dementia. Neal has successfully treated patients with complex and substantial mental health problems.

Working in the NHS Neal is routinely required to work closely with patients and families to achieve the best clinical outcomes. He enjoys working collaboratively to achieve positive results for patients. As a Physiotherapist in private practice Neal was accustomed to presenting detailed client reports to rehabilitation case management companies and occupational health teams at the conclusion of therapy. Associated with this role it was routine to liaise with stakeholders such as employers, solicitors and return to work providers. Neal has undertaken audit projects within the NHS and has formal training as a Project Manager with the Project Management Institute (PMI)

Neal is accustomed to working in busy NHS clinical settings that demand close cooperation with multidisciplinary colleagues and excellent communication skills. Successful rehabilitation requires strong motivational skills and a naturally empathetic approach. Neal's career to date shows that he is able to blend excellent clinical skills and natural problem solving ability for the benefit of his patients.