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Personal Profile

I have extensive experience as clinical specialist SLT working with clients with complex communication and swallowing deficits. I have worked as part of the neurosciences network for several years and was involved in the panel to set up a ODN (Operating Delivery Network).

I am very passionate about my role and my main aim is to empower clients and improve their quality of life.

Professional Qualifications

2000 BSc (Hons) 2:1 level Speech and Language Therapy : University of Central England

Post basic dysphagia qualification

SMART accreditation

Training received

- Post-Qualifying Dysphagia (Swallowing impairment) Training
- SMART (prolonged disorders of consciousness).
- Leadership training (LEO)
- In depth in-service training around neurology disorders and their management
- Attendance at the neurorehabilitation CEN relating to communication deficits in clients with ABI.
- Specialised multi-disciplinary AAC assessments with a wide range of high tech devices for purposes of assessment and implementation
- Greater Manchester IRU network Challenging behaviour training
- Maybo Training
- Attendance at ACE Centre Network days (ACE Centre)
- Student coordinator training day at the university of Manchester

Training provided:

- SMART awareness training
- Dysphagia awareness training for health care professionals

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- Communication skills training
- Competency training for rehabilitation support workers.
- Continued training for support staff, carers and family
- Student coordinator for NHS SLT service therefore provide ongoing training to SLT service and students

Work experience

I have many years experience working with adults with complex acquired communication and swallowing impairment as a result of a neurological event .

I currently work both within the Independent sector and for the NHS

Independent sector

I began working within the private sector 5 years ago. I work as an SLT Consultant for case managers and solicitors. I provide highly specialist Speech & Language Therapy assessment, recommendations and intervention in Catastrophic brain injury cases.

I undertake Instructions on single and joint basis in Medico-legal cases for complex brain injury cases

I advise case managers, solicitors, managers, multi-disciplinary teams, support workers, carers and family.

I provide in depth training for families, carers and support staff.

I am a member of the NW ABI network

NHS: Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Oct 2009-current date

Lead Clinical SLT, Neuro-rehabilitation

Clinical lead within the Floyd Unit (neuro rehabilitation setting) as part of a three management (triumvirate) with the unit manager and lead consultant. I am responsible for acting on service changes/ recommendations and taking the lead on therapy team decisions/ actions and cascading information.

Work within the greater Manchester neurorehabilitation ODN.

Student coordinator for SLT service across 4 hospital sites. Responsible for coordinating all student SLT placement and close liaison with the universities.

Highly specialist SLT within the neuro rehabilitation unit, provide leadership, support, advice and expertise to more junior SLT staff

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Provide highly specialist assessment and management of clients with complex communication and swallowing disorders

Wrightington Wigan Leigh NHS - Sept 2000-July 2001

Speech & Language Therapist,

Paediatric (in community clinics) and adult's caseload with voice disorders and adults with acquired communication/swallowing difficulties in acute setting

Additional skills

My wealth of experience has resulted in being the Lead Neuro-SLT in a neuro-rehabilitation inpatient setting. I act as an expert to support peers.

I have developed highly specialist skills in the management, advice and therapeutic intervention with clients with complex brain injuries.

I have vast experience within developing strategies, carers training and providing advice on strategies

I have leadership skills and extensive experience of working as part of an interdisciplinary team.

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