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Personal Profile

I am one of the Clinical Directors for ATtherapy which was set up in 2012. I have led our team to grow and expand and am now very proud of our team of over 20 staff including therapists, assistants and AAC mentors. I have extensive experience as a Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist within the NHS and have led teams in complex needs, AAC and dysphagia. I have also worked for the ACE Centre as part of the assessment and training team. I am passionate and enthusiastic with excellent interpersonal communication skills. I have high expectations of all individuals and believe that positive relationships are the key to success.

Professional Qualifications

1994-1998 [University of Manchester](#) - BS (Hons) Speech and Language Pathology and Therapy

2010 – Advanced dysphagia qualification accredited by MMU

2000 – Post basic dysphagia

Training Provided:

- Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) across UK/wider Europe
- AAC implementation training International School of Brussels
- Development of a LAMP certified professional scheme
- Units developed by ACE Centre and accredited by Manchester Metropolitan University at undergraduate and post-graduate levels in AAC (alternative / augmentative communication) and AT (assistive technology)
- Regular training of other professionals on a variety of courses, including developmental feeding impairments, specialised feeding disorders, introduction to AAC, assistive technology, low-high tech AAC issues in assessment and implementation, good practice in young children with complex communication difficulties.
- Development and dissemination of parental courses, e.g. 8-week specialist course called Communicating Together for parents of pre-school children with complex communication difficulties
- Presented at national and international conferences including Communication

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Matters, ISAAC, AAC SIG meetings, Autistic Spectrum Disorder (NW) SIG meetings, Autism Today Conference, MND SIG meetings and ACE Network Days.

- Exhibit and speak at major events around the UK, e.g. The Autism Show, Communication Matters, ABI network.

Training Received:

- Bond Solon Civil Law and Procedure training course
- LEO (Leading an Empowered Organisation) – management course
- SEMH (social and emotional mental health) in children and young people
- LAMP training in Texas and trainers meetings in Arkansas
- Specialist dysphagia courses, e.g. NIDCAP, cervical auscultation, sensory feeders
- Specialised multi-disciplinary AAC assessments with a wide range of high tech devices for purposes of assessment and implementation
- AAC software e.g. Grid 3, Snap plus Core, Compass, Communicator, Unity, Easy Chat, Words for Life, Ameego
- LAMP Certified Professional and AT therapy are the only UK based Centre of Excellence.
- Talk Tools – level 1
- SCERTS (Social Communication, Emotional Regulation and Transactional Support)
- PECS (Pyramid Consulting)
- Signalong
- TEACCH (Inscape House, Gary Mesibov)
- AAC and Literacy (Karen Erickson)
- Attendance at AAC CEN NW / NWABI conferences / Headway / Solicitor events (e.g. writing EHCPs, Understanding litigation in brain injury, Court of Protection, Excellence in case note writing, Child Brain Injury Trust.
- Annual attendance at BABICM
- Attendance at ACE Centre Network days (ACE Centre)
- Mandatory, e.g. safeguarding (including Prevent) first aid, moving and handling.

Work experience

ATtherapy - 2012- present

Clinical Director.

ATtherapy was set up in 2012. I initially combined working independently with my NHS role. I have a mixed clinical/management role and support a range of individuals in various settings. I lead the team in clinical skills and carry out regular supervision/appraisals to ensure a high-

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quality service to all individuals and their families. We have a range of service level agreements in schools (mainstream and specialist) and a caseload of varied individuals, from parental referrals to highly specialist medical legal and paediatric dysphagia cases. ATtherapy are leading experts in brain injury and work closely with Case Managers to ensure effective outcomes. We also have visiting academic status at Manchester Metropolitan University and support research projects, the latest being AAC and literacy

[Ace Centre North - 2008-2012](#)

Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

Specialist multi-disciplinary assessment and training team, ACE Centre North. Here I gained extended experience of working with children and also adults with a range of needs such as complex physical impairment and acquired neurological conditions such as strokes and MND. I carried out large scale training events across the UK and supported development and dissemination of the accredited AAC/AT modules.

[Pennine Care - 1998 - 2016](#)

Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist.

In my NHS role, I specialised in children who had profound and/or complex needs such as Cerebral Palsy, Motor Speech Disorders, Autistic Spectrum Disorders and individuals with learning difficulties. I also supported a range of clients with acquired communication difficulties following traumatic brain injury.

Over the years I have gained specialist skills in the area of AAC and worked predominantly with children aged 0-19 with a wide variety of individual needs. My role also included managing members of the team and carrying out support and supervision. I led the Long-Term Pathway which is the clinical pathway for clients with more complex needs.

In 2000 I completed the post basic dysphagia course and in 2010 I completed the advanced clinical practice in dysphagia. I worked at a level 3 tertiary hospital in neonatal intensive care and also worked within the community-based dysphagia service.

Additional Skills

Through all the above roles I have extensive experience of providing communication assessments and ongoing long-term support for individuals with a wide range of needs. I have a vast array of experience in researching and recommending appropriate software/resources to support individuals and keeping up to date with new technology is a vital part of my role. I have skills in leadership and management and find a positive team is a productive team.

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