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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, admin team and AAC mentors. I have extensive experience as a 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 qualification

Employment History

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 to ensure a high-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.

Ace Centre North - 2008-2012 – Specialist Speech and Language Therapist - Specialist multidisciplinary 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 and supported development and dissemination of the accredited AAC/AT modules.

Pennine Care - 1998 - 2016 - 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 pupils 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 and also worked within the community-based dysphagia service.

Training Provided

- Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) across UK/wider Europe
- Development of a LAMP certified professional scheme
- Units developed by Ace Centre and accredited by Manchester Metropolitan University at under graduate 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, 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 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

2021 - ATtherapy have been awarded the Mike Barnes award for Innovative practice for MyAbility – a joint project between ATtherapy and Recolo in developing self-identity in teenagers and young adults with TBI, Cerebral Palsy and Autism.

2019 - ATmentors have won an award for innovative practice in providing mentor support for people using communication aids.

Training Received:

- 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
- LAMP Certified Professional and AT therapy are the only UK based Centre of Excellence
- Bond Solon courses in expert witness work
- Talk Tools
- PECS (Pyramid Consulting)
- TEACCH (Inscape House, Gary Mesibov)
- AAC and Literacy (Karen Erickson)
- Attendance at AAC / AT and ABI CENs
- Attendance at BABICM annual conferences
- Irwin Mitchell – EHCPs / Judicial system and ABI
- Attendance at ACE Centre Network days (ACE Centre)

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.

I regularly attend South Manchester Headway drop-in sessions as a volunteer. In May 2023 I have been voted in as a committee member and am passionate about supporting brain injury survivors in leading independent lives.



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