

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Amanda is an Occupational Therapist (OT). She is registered with the Health Professions Council and is a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapy and Royal College of Occupational Therapy. She graduated from the University of Derby in 2003 with a BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy.

Amanda has worked with clients with a variety of medical and neurological conditions. She commenced working in the NHS, working in Trauma & Orthopaedics, Elderly Rehabilitation Medicine and Outpatient Rehabilitation. Whilst working within the NHS she also worked as a Care Manager in Adult Social Services. All of these roles contributed to her knowledge and experience of the process that takes a client from an inpatient setting, through to discharge and subsequent rehabilitation. Her clients included those with physical, neurological and progressive conditions. She gained valuable experience in carrying out initial assessments, assessments of needs, applying for funded care, both from the local authority and health, whilst also reviewing care packages and ensuring that the client's identified needs were met in a timely manner.

In 2006 Amanda joined the Head Injury Team in Derby, initially as an Occupational Therapist. During this time she gained valuable experience in assessing the needs of the client, specifically in the areas of cognition and is trained to assess using a wide range of standardised assessments and developing treatment programmes, which included the provision of Vocational Rehabilitation. The team work alongside the inpatient neurological rehabilitation unit and she was able to follow the client's progress, working with the client and their families, providing advice and support to staff and education and support to families. She worked in a multi-disciplinary team and during this time she gained her accreditation to supervise Occupational Therapy students, whilst also supervising other team members. Whilst carrying out this role she forged links with the local Headway group and developed a Relatives Support Group. Her links with Headway remain and she is both a volunteer and Trustee.

In 2008 Amanda became the Head Injury Team's Case Manager, a role she continues to do part time. She manages a caseload, working with clients who have experienced catastrophic brain injuries. She has developed the case management role within the team and works collaboratively with Local Authorities and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the private and voluntary sectors. Amanda has a comprehensive knowledge of funding systems including Personal Budgets and Personal Health Budgets. She assists in the completion of Decision Support Tools (DSTs) to assess eligibility for Continuing Healthcare funding and Individual Funding Requests. She has an excellent working knowledge of the welfare benefits system and supports her clients in the application of Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Employment and Support

Allowance (ESA) and Universal Credit, including submitting mandatory reconsiderations and supporting clients with tribunals.

Amanda routinely carries out mental capacity assessments, and participates in Best Interest meetings to ensure her practice adheres to the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice. She has a good working knowledge of the Deprivation of Liberty Standards.

During the last year, Amanda has worked collaboratively with other neurological services providing case management for clients with MND, Stroke, Parkinsons Disease, MS and Acquired Brain Injuries. She is also currently contributing to the operational development of a new outpatient neurological rehabilitation service with a special interest in the development of training, continuing professional development and supervision.

In addition to working in statutory services, Amanda has worked as an independent case manager for Bush & Company Rehabilitation, carrying out immediate needs assessments and carrying out case management duties following the Rehabilitation Code.

Professional experience:

2012 Bush & Company Rehabilitation
Brain Injury Case Manager

- Completion of Immediate Needs Assessments and Case Management Reports
- Assessment and recommendation of services for head injured individuals with complex needs.
- Coordination and facilitation of the provision of specialist therapies and services and subsequent regular reviews.
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January 2006–Current: Derby and Burton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Brain Injury Case Manager/Senior Occupational Therapist, Derby
Head Injury Team

- Carry out strategic and operational management of the outpatient service for clients with brain injuries covering the East Midlands.
- Provide assessment, treatment, education and support.
- Assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of treatment programmes.
- Advise and implement safeguarding procedures, including completion of capacity assessments, Best Interest meetings and DoLS.
- Work collaboratively with Local Authorities, CCGs and Voluntary sector to ensure clients' identified needs are met.
- Explore different funding streams and help secure appropriate funding.

- Support clients with completion of applications for Universal Credit, PIP and ESA, support with mandatory reconsiderations and tribunals.
- Provide Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Contribute to the operational development of a new outpatient neuro-rehabilitation unit, including developing education/training and CPD programmes.
- Supervision of junior staff and students.

July 2005-May 2008 Derby Adult Social Services Care Manager

- Carry out assessment of needs for clients.
- Promote and facilitate safe discharges from hospital following agreed multi-agency procedures and policies, whilst advocating for the client.
- Produce care/support plans.
- Support with applications for Direct Payments/Personal Budgets.
- Assist with the commissioning and provision of services.
- Carry out safeguarding procedures.

August 2003-June 2007 Derby and Burton Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Occupational Therapist (Rotational & Static)

Rotation is included; elderly rehabilitation; trauma and orthopaedics; medicine; lower limb heavy workshop (lower limb and neuro rehabilitation)

2003 Bullwell Hospital, Nottingham Technical instructor

- Assessment in therapeutic treatment of elderly patients.

2002 Lings Bar Hospital, Nottingham Technical Instructor

- Developing and implementing therapeutic activities for people with dementia.

1998-2002 Merrill College Educational Care Officer for children with special needs

- Supporting children with a variety conditions to achieve their potential in mainstream education.

1995-1998 Derby City Council Housing Department Housing Officer

- Liaising with tenants to provide a comprehensive housing service, such as dealing with requests for re-housing, adaptations, repairs and finance.