

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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Jane Dickson is an Occupational Therapist (OT) registered with the Health Professions Council. She gained a first-class honours degree in Occupational Therapy (Cum Laude) from the University of Cape Town in South Africa in 2003 and is a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapy.

Jane has worked with a range of age groups with a wide scope of medical, surgical, orthopaedic, neurological and progressive conditions within both the acute and rehabilitation inpatient settings as well as in the community and social services.

Beginning her career in Forensic Mental Health in the challenging environment of the informal settlements of the Cape Flats. Moving into Elective Orthopaedics, Stroke Rehabilitation and Acute Trauma and Orthopaedics at Groote Schuur Hospital, Jane continued to develop core OT assessment skills and knowledge of basic equipment, along with specific neurology approaches and principals of group work.

Moving to the United Kingdom, Jane continued to develop her skills, working in the community in both rapid response and general practice roles. Building on her skills as a practitioner, Jane worked alongside her multi-disciplinary colleagues to develop a strong intermediate care team. Management of team members and collating care and therapy became a focus, and the strategic skills of service development were honed.

In 2012, Jane took a break from her therapy commitments and moved to South Africa, where she and her husband managed a large cattle farm for a year. On returning to England in 2013, Jane commenced locum work and gained experience of working in Falls Rehabilitation, Intermediate Care and Community Palliative Care in Staffordshire and Acute Trauma and Orthopaedics in Derby. During this time, Jane supervised staff, developed a staff training programme and was instrumental in developing the out-reach/in-reach model of palliative care, allowing a smoother transition for individuals to choose to die at home, rather than in a hospice.

During this period of time, Jane experienced working closely with external agencies (state, private and charity) in order to ensure clients receive the most appropriate level of care. She is trained to complete hoisting demonstrations.

Jane has also gained accreditation as a Fieldwork Educator and has supported four students on placement. She has been a mentor for a colleague embarking on the in- service route of training.

Following the end of this contract she gained a locum post as Team Leader of the Occupational Therapy team at the Haywood Hospital in Stoke on Trent.

This complex post involved community admissions, post-operative assessment, and treatment of adults with medical, orthopaedic and surgical conditions. This covered a diverse range of conditions (congenital, acquired, and spinal, oncology) and involved close interdisciplinary working. Liaison with community support and seating was also essential to ensure safe admissions and discharges. She also provided team leadership and service development.

In 2016, Jane began work as a Rehabilitation Case Manager for Green Owl Therapy. Her experience has involved working with people who have sustained complex orthopaedic trauma, spinal injury and traumatic brain injury. She has carried a case load of both adult and paediatric clients providing independent advice for clients, families, insurers and solicitors. She has sourced for cost appropriate private treatment providers and closely monitored progress within the rehabilitation programme.

Close working with statutory and private vocational providers has been essential in the return to work aspect of case management. This has ensured adherence to the guidance provided by The Rehabilitation Code and the Case Management Society of the UK. She has completed Immediate Needs Assessments and reports along with ongoing Case Management of complex cases for both children and adults. She also works within active litigation with solicitors and barristers as well as on settled cases, working closely with Deputy's within Court of Protection Departments.

In November 2014 Jane commenced working as a Disability Assessor, visiting claimants at home to complete Personal Independence Payment (PIP) assessments. She has assessed claimants from aged 16 to 64 years with a variety of conditions across mental health and physical spectrums.

### **September 2016 – current**

#### **Independent Case Manager and OT : Green Owl Therapy**

- \* Initial Needs Assessment
- \* Ongoing case management of complex cases for both Children and adults
- \* Private OT assessment and intervention for physical conditions (multi-trauma and brain injury)

### **September 2015 – September 2016 Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership Trust**

#### **Occupational Therapy Team Lead – Haywood Hospital LOCUM**

To support and co-ordinate a team of 8 staff, across 3 wards within a sub-acute hospital. Good communication, organization and excellent team working skills are required.

**April – August 2015** South Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust

**Sub-Acute Intermediate Care Occupational Therapist LOCUM**

To efficiently and accurately assess and plan appropriate treatment for a variety of clients – from both hospital and the community. This sub-acute rehabilitation setting demands excellent team working skills and a very sound grasp of OT principles and interventions.

**April – August 2015** South Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust

**Intermediate Care Occupational Therapist LOCUM**

To provide an Occupational Therapy intervention within a multi-disciplinary assessment of individuals in a community setting, with the primary aim of hospital avoidance or early supported discharge.

**January – March 2015** Derby Hospitals Trust

**Sub-Acute Occupational Therapist LOCUM**

To efficiently and accurately assess and plan appropriate treatment and discharge goals for a variety of clients while in a hospital setting. This sub-acute rehabilitation setting demands excellent team working skills and a very sound grasp of OT principles and interventions.

**Disability Assessor (DWP accredited)**

To assess candidates who have applied for the Personal Independence Payment benefit, and provide a concise, detailed report for the Department of Work and Pensions.

**March 2014** South Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust

**Intermediate Care and Community Intervention Service Occupational Therapist LOCUM**

To provide an Occupational Therapy intervention within a multi-disciplinary assessment of individuals in a community setting, with the primary aim of hospital avoidance.

To provide clear concise occupational therapy assessments and treatments in a community setting to clients with a wide range of impairments including stroke.

**January 2014 – February 2014** Derby Hospitals Trust

**Falls Team Occupational Therapist LOCUM**

To assist with the triage of an existing caseload of referrals, and signpost clients to the appropriate team members. Excellent verbal communication skills required as well as the ability to organise and manage an extensive workload.

October – December 2013 *South Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust*

August – September 2013 *South Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust*

**Sub-Acute Intermediate Care Occupational Therapist LOCUM**

To efficiently and accurately assess and plan appropriate treatment for a variety of clients – from both hospital and the community. This sub-acute rehabilitation setting demands excellent team working skills and a very sound grasp of OT principles and interventions.

**May 2005 – November 2011** South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust Senior Community Occupational Therapist

To provide clear concise occupational therapy assessments in a community setting. Home visits are carried out, aids and adaptations discussed and implemented if needed, treatments options are discussed and entered into in collaboration with the client.

**July 2007 - June 2010** South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust Senior Intermediate Care Occupational Therapist To provide an Occupational Therapy intervention within a multi-disciplinary assessment of individuals in a community setting, with the primary aim of hospital avoidance.

**EDUCATION**

**2000 - 2004 University of Cape Town Cape Town, South Africa**

B. Sc. Occupational Therapy (hons) Awarded cum laude First Class Degree.

Awarded the Nellie Brown Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

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