

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Patricia Eyres

Pat Eyres is a state registered Occupational Therapist with over thirty years' post registration experience. She has worked within the National Health Service and Local Government Social Services as a clinical specialist working with adults with physical disability. Areas of work have included Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and general Rehabilitation. When working for Social Services she has also gained experience in assessing and specifying for adaptive equipment and major structural alterations. In addition Pat has management experience, having managed Social Services teams including social workers, and both Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy services in the acute NHS setting. Since 1996 Pat has worked as an independent consultant and has undertaken a variety of short and long-term projects which have included:

- Assessment and treatment of individual patients/clients, including a domiciliary orthotics service
- Assessments and recommendations of housing adaptations including new build for various charities, housing associations and individuals, and also Local Authority Social Services under contract
- Assessment and treatment of patients following elective surgery at a private hospital
- Independent advice to agencies such as Social Services, RAF Benevolent Fund, Police Federation, and Citizens Advice Bureau
- Feasibility study into the future organisation of Integrated Community Equipment Services (ICES) for an inner city London Borough
- Orthotics and Surgical Appliance Service review for a large NHS trust
- Preparation of medical legal reports as an Expert Witness.

Since 2006, Pat has combined independent consultancy with work in higher education and currently lectures on the Occupational Therapy undergraduate (BSc) and postgraduate (MSc) programmes at the University of Plymouth, where her subject areas include, anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, theoretical foundations for practice, performance and occupation, Older people and environmental design.

Pat is research & development officer for the College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section for Independent Practitioners (COTSS-IP) and a member of the Specialist Section for Older people (COTSS-OP).

Pat has a Masters degree in Access and Inclusive Design from Salford University and is currently studying for a Postgraduate Certificate in Education. She hopes to register for a PhD shortly and has a research interest in the area of spirituality and worship as a valued occupation.

For Harrison Training, Pat acts as a trainer on both scheduled and in-house courses, and also designs and delivers bespoke training in response to customers' needs.

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