

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

Andrea Rapolthy MSc Neurorehabilitation, B.Sc Occ Ther

Andrea Rapolthy is an Occupational Therapist registered with the Health Professions Council and graduated in South Africa in 1999. She has worked in the NHS in the fields of stroke, neurosciences, neurorehabilitation and intensive care units for 10 years. She has also worked for a few years with clients with severe brain injury as a postural management lead and assessor of minimally conscious states. Andrea sat on the London Specialist Section in Neurological Practice (formerly NANOT) committee as both a Chair of London and member for 8 years. During this time she has lectured at multiple study evenings and national conferences on neurological and stroke topics. Andrea also carried out lectures for Brunel University as a guest lecturer.

Andrea completed her Masters in Neurorehabilitation in 2007, with research focusing on Neglect and treatment options for therapists in the acute and community environments. Since graduating she has worked on multiple projects relating to improving care in acute fields. She currently works as Stroke Rehabilitation Lead for North East London, and helped develop the Stroke Rehabilitation commissioning guide. She works closely with commissioners to identify emerging and innovative service improvement plans for stroke pathways and acts as an advisor for NHS London on independent service providers. Andrea has also taken a lead in developing and consulting on stroke education projects with NHS London and London South bank University.

For Harrison Training, Andrea undertakes teaching on neurological and stroke related topics, with a special interest in Severe Brain Injury.

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