

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

Dr Jennifer Wenborn

Jennifer has 30 years experience as an occupational therapy clinician, manager and independent practitioner, working primarily with older people within many settings. She has just completed her PhD on 'Occupational therapy and people with dementia in care homes' at University College London, where she works as a research OT in the Centre for Ageing & Mental Health. She is currently contributing to a randomised controlled trial of reminiscence therapy for people with dementia and their family caregivers. She is partly based within North East London Foundation NHS Trust, where she also Chairs the Evidence Practice Group. Within the London Centre for Dementia Care (hosted by UCL) she convenes the Margaret Butterworth Care Home Forum which provides an educational and discussion forum for staff and others across London committed to improving the quality of care and life for people with dementia living in care homes. Publications include: OT chapter in 'Rehabilitation of the Older Person' (Squires & Hastings, 2002); 'The Successful Activity Coordinator' (Hurtley & Wenborn, 2005); 'Assessing the validity and reliability of the Pool Activity Level (PAL) Checklist (Wenborn et al, 2008). She is a past Chair of the College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Older People.

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