

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Jodie Holtham BSc(HONS) Occupational Therapy

Having qualified in 1997, Jodie is an Occupational Therapist registered with the Health Professions Council. Since qualifying she has worked in a variety of clinical settings within the NHS including acute medicine, care of the elderly, orthopaedics and hand therapy. She also has some experience of working within an intermediate care team, taking on the initial assessments on behalf of the multidisciplinary team to determine both care and rehabilitation need.

Having established a specialist interest in the area of neurological practice Jodie has continued to be involved with clinical work in this field for the past ten years, with a primary interest in stroke rehabilitation. Jodie has experience of undertaking complex multi-faceted assessments of stroke patients, using both standardised and non standardised assessments and works with her team and junior staff in the development of intervention plans and skill development.

Jodie commenced an MSc programme in 2003, successfully completing the first year and a post-graduate certificate in neurological rehabilitation before starting a family. She is planning on returning to complete this degree shortly. Jodie is a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists as well as the College of Occupational Therapist Specialist Section for Neurological Practice.

Jodie works as the Deputy Occupational Therapy Manager for Heatherwood & Wexham Park hospitals NHS trust, overseeing the Heatherwood site and working closely with all the teams in the provision of a quality service to the patients within the Acute Trust in East Berkshire. Her clinical caseload is variable depending on team demand but she maintains a senior clinical role within stroke rehabilitation. She also manages a caseload of out-patients with ongoing splinting requirements for neurological conditions. She has responsibility for training and development of her team and participates in the multidisciplinary teaching for stroke rehabilitation.

For the past two years Jodie has been undertaking work within the independent sector whilst also taking on more teaching roles, including teaching with Harrison Training where she participates in the running of neurological courses.

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