

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

Jean Phillips

Jean is a Senior Occupational Therapist within an intermediate care team in West Wiltshire and a specialist lecturer at the University of the West of England on their Occupational Therapy Degree programme. She also acts as a trainer for Harrison Training, teaching qualified therapists and support workers nation-wide. In addition Jean prepares medico-legal rehabilitation cost reports and acts as an expert witness for Jacqueline Webb & Co, having prepared over 90 reports to date and given evidence in the High Court.

Jean qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 1994 and has worked in a variety of physical settings including General medicine and surgery, Orthopaedics (trauma and elective), Palliative care and Neurology. She has worked for acute trusts, community hospitals, Intermediate care and in residential settings. Jean has also spent two years as a department manager, responsible for 16 staff.

Jean's main area of expertise is within Neurology and specifically acquired brain injury and stroke, in which she has more than 9 years specialist experience. She also continues to work with patients with a wide range of orthopaedic and general medical conditions within her intermediate care work and has many years experience of assessing clients with a variety of conditions and setting up care and equipment packages to maintain them in the community setting.

Jean's special interests and expertise include: Training carers to cope after brain injury, Stroke and Multiple Sclerosis. Jean is also an accredited bereavement counsellor for Cruse International having worked for the organisation between 2000 & 2005.

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