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Austin graduated in occupational therapy from Trinity College, Dublin in 1992 and gained a masters degree in Cognitive Neuropsychology from University College, London in 2004. He completed a PhD at Brunel University in 2009, investigating factors implicated in memory judgment accuracy in people with Multiple Sclerosis.

Austin's research interests are in mechanisms, assessment and treatment of hemispatial neglect, neuropsychological impairment in Multiple Sclerosis and statistical modelling

Austin has worked as an occupational therapist for over 16 years, in a range of services – acute neurosciences, neurorehabilitation, specialist outpatient clinics and in community teams. He has experience in a range of roles; clinical specialist, manager, researcher and educator. He currently works as clinical lead therapist for integrated therapy teams in acute stroke and Infectious Disease/Oncology & Palliative care at the Chelsea & Westminster NHS Foundation Trust.

He has presented a number of national and international conferences on motor neurone disease, post-polio syndrome, prism interventions in hemispatial neglect and multiple sclerosis. He has also contributed to education events for a number of charities.

During his time in the NHS, he has achieved funding for, and set up, peer training for clinical AHP leads in key areas of professional development – organisational & project management, leadership & team management, and research methods.

He has taught and examined on a number of undergraduate and postgraduate occupational therapy courses in the UK and Ireland, as well as being a trainer and course developer on behalf of Harrison Training for almost 10 years.

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