

## Joanna Evans

Managing Director and Case Manager of Unite Professionals Ltd.

### Professional Qualification

**BSc( Hons) Occupational Therapy**, University of West England 2007

### Professional Memberships

**British Association of Occupational Therapists**  
**BABICM**  
**HCPC**  
**CMSUK**

### Membership number

**BT0102335**  
**0578**  
**OT18973**  
**10-0946-CM**

### Location

**Lancashire**, Joanna is based in Lancashire and has a 2 hour capture area

### Clinical Skills and Expertise

Joanna is experienced in all the following areas:

- **Mental health**
- **Elderly Medicine**
- **Brain Injury**
- **Orthopaedic elective**
- **Neurology / Neurosurgery**
- **Learning disability**
- **Complex trauma**
- **Peripheral nerve injury**

### Key Case management skills

- Assessment of client's physical and cognitive abilities and work closely with MDT members, client and family to identify areas of need and set realistic action plans and goals.
- Excellent communication skills and is able to work with health and social care professionals in both NHS and non-statutory services to ensure clients receive the most appropriate treatment in a timely fashion.
- Working with clients with brain injury in UK and USA
- Using a graded approach to treatment to achieve client-centred goals.
- Planning and implementation of specialist cognitive techniques to treat brain injury including cognitive rehabilitation, strategy training, fatigue and anxiety management.
- Education and support to client and family members.
- Vocational rehabilitation working with employers and other key stakeholders to assist clients with complex needs (physical and cognitive difficulties) back into work.
- Environmental assessment at home and workplace and recommendation of adaptations.
- Recommendation of equipment to regain independence in daily activities at home and work and accredited wheelchair therapist
- Advising clients on appropriate leisure activities and interests to regain independence.

- Working with NHS teams and non-statutory support services to provide a cohesive approach

### Personal Profile

Jo has worked for 25 years as an Occupational Therapist. For 10 of those years working as a Clinical Specialist in the field of Neurological practice with a specialism in working with people following ABI. Jo has worked within a teams in London, the North East and North West of England and USA. Her role was integral in identifying and co coordinating appropriately graded treatment programmes within acute Neurological/ neurosurgical units, identifying ABI patients on Trauma wards, community rehabilitation settings, Outpatient facilities, residential ABI units and wheelchair services.

Joanna is dedicated to a career in Occupational Therapy with a rehabilitation focus. She is effective in team working and motivating others and is independently motivated to develop professional skills and knowledge to improve client care. Jo is experienced and skilled in many clinical areas. Jo now uses her years of working within the NHS where the requirement was to utilise skills in modification of treatment techniques and adapting living environments along with working closely with many other professionals to facilitate her role in a case management capacity to provide access to clients with disability to increased independence and choices.

### Professional Work Summary:

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| <b>March 2009 - present</b>          | <b>MD and Unite Professionals Ltd.</b><br>Case Manager                      |
| <b>September 2002 – March 2009</b>   | <b>Personal Injury Services Ltd.</b><br>Senior Programme Manager for Reach  |
| <b>January 2000 – September 2002</b> | <b>Southport and Formby NHS Trust</b><br>Specialist OT in Neuro Outpatients |
| <b>May 2011 – August 2014</b>        | <b>Inspire Community Trust</b><br>Occupational Therapist                    |
| <b>2007 – October June 2013</b>      | <b>Kent Count Council</b><br>OT, Disabled Children’s Service                |

### Continued Professional Development including but not limited to:

Motivational Interviewing : Verna Morris  
 Welfare rights training.  
 CMSUK conferences 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.  
 Specialist section Neurological Practice regional training days and conferences since 1995  
 BABICM : course on COP – April 2014  
 BABICM conference 2013 (focus on insight)  
 Vocational Rehab Association Conference 2013  
 Health and Wellbeing at Work Conferences (2008,2009,2011, 2012, 2013)  
 COT Brain Injury Forum Annual Conference (2008)  
 Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust Conferences (2005 & 2007)  
 Anger Management Therapy (2006)

Brief Solution Focused Therapy (2005)

Braintree Introduction to Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy (2003)

Advanced Attention and Information Processing (2005) Working with Clients with Behavioural Difficulties (2005)

Facilitating Upper Limb Function Through Normal Movement (2 days) (2001)

**Note from one of Unite Professionals' clients** "It is so reassuring to know that there are organisations such as yours that can provide the extensive service that you do with such an empathetic approach that doesn't feel intrusive. So please continue to provide the excellent service that, in today's society, is paramount."