

Deborah Murgatroyd

Professional Qualification

Diploma in Occupational Therapy; College of Occupational Therapy, Liverpool. Ltd. 1985

Professional Memberships

British Association of Occupational Therapists
HCPC
CMSUK

Membership number

BT0020275
OT14191

Location

North West. Deborah is based in Wigan and has a 2 hour capture area

Clinical Skills and Expertise

Deborah has extensive skills in assessment and report writing for a variety of audiences. She is skilled in undertaking physical, cognitive and perceptual assessments with a wide range of clinical conditions. She is excellent at establishing rapport, communicating with and empowering clients with a range of communication challenges. She is able to impart complex information effectively in order to facilitate understanding and can impart difficult news effectively and empathetically, encouraging both understanding and compliance. She uses evidence based practice to support decisions. She is organized and efficient and able to work under pressure, delivering against time frames. Her has extensive experience of training and supervising staff and mentoring students undertaking the Driving Assessor training qualification at Chester University. She has experience of innovative working, planning and implementing projects as well as contributing to the national guidelines for driving assessment.

Deborah has experience in all of the following areas:

- Spinal injuries
- Orthopaedics
- Neurology
- Brain Injury
- Elderly care
- Mental health
- Forensic psychiatry
- Driving assessments/advising
- Learning disabilities
- Medico legal assessment and reporting

Key Case management skills:

- Passionate about ensuring the best interests of the client are served at all times
- Excellent at quickly establishing rapport and empowering clients to feel in control.

- Extensive assessment and reporting skills using a biomechanical assessment approach, cognitive and perceptual assessments and functional assessment of physical, cognitive and perceptual performance.
- Analytical and perceptive
- Organized
- Reflective
- Confident and skilled in communicating with a variety of agencies and organizations both verbally and in writing.

Personal Profile

Deborah qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 1985 and has worked in a variety of clinical areas since this time. Having undertaken a broad based basic grade rotation, which included working in physical medicine, mental health, learning difficulties and forensic mental health, she then specialized in spinal cord injury rehabilitation. Whilst living in Australia she worked within the Occupational Health discipline and on returning to the United Kingdom became a lecturer in Occupational Therapy teaching undergraduate students the Biomechanical treatment model, the rehabilitation treatment model and stress management modules. In 1993 she took up a post to establish a driving assessment service for the North West of England and has continued to work within this specialism. In this role she has accumulated extensive experience of assessing and reporting upon the performance of clients with a very wide variety of medical conditions, both physical and mental health related. Effective, concise, accurate and evidence based communication is fundamental to her role with regard to assessment, and she prides herself upon being able to adapt her communication to suite the audience.

Professional Work Summary:

November 2018 – present	Unite Professionals Ltd- Case Manager
March 1993 - present	North West Driving Assessment Service Clinical lead Occupational Therapist
1995 – 2000	Consultant / Expert Witness Occupational Therapist
June 1992 – March 1993	University College Salford Lecturer in Occupational Therapy
April 1992 – June 1992	Reed Employment Agency Senior Occupational Therapist, Elderly medicine
September 1991 – April 1993	Wakefield Health Authority Senior Occupational Therapist Burns and Plastics / hand therapy
July 1990 – March 1991	Hunter Rehab Services, Australia Senior Occupational Therapist Occupational health / spinal injuries

December 1988 – July 1990

Wakefield Health Authority
Head Occupational Therapist
Spinal Injuries

February 1988 – December 1998

Wakefield Health Authority
Senior Occupational Therapist
Spinal Injuries

September 1995 – February 1988

Wakefield Health Authority
Basic grade Occupational Therapist
Rotational post

Continued Professional Development:

Flying with a disability – Try B4 you fly
Standardized Psychological Testing - BAOT
Assessment to drive of people with special needs - Greenwich University
Assessment of personal transport needs and recommendations for equipment and adaptations for disabled people. - Greenwich University
Driving After Brain Injury - British Psychological Society
Institute of Leadership Management level 5
Advanced counseling certificate – Heron 9 category intervention
Courtroom skills – Bond Salon
Excellence in report writing – Bond Salon