

## Michael Bickers

### Professional Qualification

**BSc Hons Occupational Therapy.** University of Brighton. 2012

### Professional Memberships

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

### Membership Number

**BT0804498**  
**OT66742**  
**17-3490-A**

### Location

**West Sussex/Brighton and Hove,** Michael is based in West Sussex area and has a 2 hour capture area

### Clinical Skills and Expertise

Michael has over 18 years' experience of working in health and social care. He has extensive experience of working in the community as well as in hospitals. He has specialised in trauma and orthopaedics gaining a broad knowledge of injuries and conditions that affect the musculoskeletal system and the impact they have on a person's daily function. Michael also has a broad knowledge of long term physical and neurological conditions and the impact their progressive effects can have on a person and those closest to them. He is expert at setting goals to enable people to remain independent in their own homes and continue to function at an optimum level.

He has significant experience of complex discharge planning. He has a broad knowledge of local facilities, groups and organisations to enable clients to continue treatment beyond statutory entitlement.

He is confident in liaising with health professionals from all disciplines and private practitioners to ensure the correct measures are put in place for clients to reach their goals.

Michael is experienced in all of the following areas:

- **Orthopaedics**
- **Management of long term conditions**
- **Adult brain injury**
- **Neurological conditions**
- **Learning disability**
- **Complex physical disability**
- **Home adaptations**
- **Admission avoidance**
- **Palliative care**

### Key Case Management Skills:

- Good knowledge of local services, maintains relationships with NHS clinical teams which leads to quick effective working
- Excellent clinical reasoning skills
- Experience of developing professional relationships with local GP's
- Good communication skills with clients, carers, families and other agencies
- Awareness of intervention needing to be presented in a commercially responsible way

- Intervention is goal focused, enabling prioritisation of care
- Works closely with carers
- Person centred approach enabling the establishment of good rapport with clients and their families
- Effective decision making
- Experienced at assembling multi-disciplinary teams
- Skilled at evaluating clinical reports and facilitating clinical recommendations with an effective and client centred approach.
- Experience of the vocational rehabilitation process and can support clients to return to meaningful employment following injury.

### Personal Profile

Michael qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 2012 and has a broad experience of clinical practice. Since 2014 he has been instrumental in developing the OT service within the newly founded rural Proactive Care team in West Sussex. He has built a diverse client base, regularly reviewing goals as conditions progress and needs change. GP's regularly refer to the service and seek clinical advice centred on avoidance of hospital admission and home rehabilitation programs.

Michael is regularly asked to make professional recommendations based on his assessments to local authorities, housing associations and social services. He has a lot of experience in writing assessment reports to assist clients to apply for continuing healthcare, rehousing, benefits and funding. Michael has many transferable skills and experience in a variety of clinical settings which is invaluable in case management.

### Professional Work Summary:

<b>March 2017 to date</b>	<b>Unite Professionals Ltd.</b> Case Manager
<b>Sept 2014 – to Date</b>	<b>Sussex Community NHS Trust</b> Senior OT, Rural Proactive Care team
<b>December 2013 – December 2014</b>	<b>Sussex community NHS Trust</b> OT, Intermediate Care team.
<b>February 2013 – November 2013</b>	<b>Brighton and Sussex Uni Hospital Trust</b> OT, Orthopaedics Princess Royal Hospital
<b>April 2005 – November 2013</b>	<b>Music therapy group facilitator</b> Working privately with adults with learning disabilities.
<b>January 2005 – June 2012</b>	<b>Sussex Partnership NHS Trust</b> Technical instructor, Learning disability Services

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

Key Issues in Neurological rehabilitation, University of Brighton  
S&T Foundation Training, Sage and Thyme

Dementia Education, Sussex Community Health NHS Trust