



Margaret McEvoy

PROFILE

Margaret has been qualified as an Occupational Therapist since 2002 and has extensive experience in the field of neurorehabilitation. She has worked across hospital, out-patient and community settings within the NHS and private sector. Her special interests include 24-hour postural management and vocational rehabilitation. Currently Margaret is the team leader in a regional brain injury unit where she carries a clinical case load providing specialised postural assessments for clients with complex needs as well as making recommendations with regards to posture management and seating.

KEY SKILLS:

- Margaret has extensive experience working with persons in prolonged disorders of consciousness, persons with complex physical disability, and persons with severe cognitive and/or neurobehavioural problems.
- Margaret has expert knowledge in specialised equipment provision, including static, modular and customised seating, and postural support equipment (including sleep systems).
- Margaret is highly skilled at delivering various adjunctive therapies such as Constraint Induced Movement Therapy and specialised splinting including dynamic splinting
- Margaret has extensive experience in area of vocational rehabilitation and is VALPAR trained.
- Margaret works closely with the client, their families and other professionals involved in their care to ensure a holistic assessment has been completed.

EDUCATION:

University of Ulster, Jordanstown
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy - Class 2:1

POST GRADUATE TRAINING:

- April – August 2016 Basic Bobath training.
- June 2016 Currently completing MSc in seating for complex disability at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown.
- April 2015 MSc module in Research Methods. University of Ulster, Jordanstown.
- April 2015 SMART re-accreditation. Royal Hospital for Neurodisability, Putney, London.
- April 2008 SMART training. Royal Hospital for Neurodisability, Putney, London.
- December 2005 MSc module Interdisciplinary Stroke Training. University of Ulster, Jordanstown.

CAREER REVIEW:

- June 2016 – present **Wheel of Health, Hampshire**
Independent Occupational Therapist. Wheelchair and Seating Specialist
- Provide complex assessment of seating and 24 hour posture management need. Work alongside equipment suppliers in the provision of seating / posture management solutions.
- March 2016-present **Enable Therapy Services, Leeds**
Associate Occupational Therapist
- Completion of Telephone Diagnostic Assessments and making recommendations when indicated for further healthcare intervention.
- March 2016- present **Grainne Armstrong (Independability Ltd.), Belfast.**
Associate
- Functional Capacity Evaluations, ADL assessments, wheelchair assessments.
- April 2015 – present **Armstrong Health Professionals, Derry.**
Associate
- Medicolegal assessment and completion of report.
- Sept 2009 – present **Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**
Head Occupational Therapist
- Assessment and treatment of clients following acquired brain injury. Use of standardised and non-standardised assessments, and use of specialist treatment techniques such as Bobath and CIMT. Carry out specialist seating and wheelchair assessments. SMART trained.
Clinical lead, participate in audit and evidenced based practice. Supervision of staff. Provide in-service training to interdisciplinary team.
- Oct 2006 – Sept 2009 **Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**
Senior I Occupational Therapist
- Assessment and treatment of clients following acquired brain injury. Use of standardised and non-standardised assessments, and use of specialist treatment techniques such as Bobath and CIMT. Carry out specialist seating and wheelchair assessments. Work assessments. Fieldwork educator. Supervise junior staff.

Feb 2003 – Sept 2006

Newry and Mourne Healthcare Trust
Senior Occupational Therapist

Assessment and treatment of persons presenting with stroke. Fieldwork educator.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- British Association of Occupational Therapists and College of Occupational Therapists – Professional Member: BT0221061
- Health and Care Professions Council – Professional Member: OT 34899
- College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Independent Practice: 7385
- Member of Northern Ireland Multidisciplinary Association of Stroke Teams.
- Committee member of Regional Occupational Therapy in Neurological Practice Group.