



Amanda Hopkin Dip COT MSc PGCE

PROFILE

I am an experienced practitioner with a broad-based skill mix acquired through a variety of career development opportunities. This has included both clinical, management and academic roles requiring commitment and motivation to meet deadlines and effectively manage complex issues in community and health settings.

I have excellent personal and professional skills that have developed over the years of working with children and families, other professionals and different Teams and Project Groups within the NHS and more recently a National Charity.

I am passionate about equality and fairness. I am highly motivated in all aspects of my work and my professional beliefs remain imbedded in the aspiration to promote and support the rights of children and young people to achieve their optimum developmental, social and individual potential despite the challenging life situations that they experience on a day to day basis

KEY SKILLS:

- Highly skilled in postural assessment and management; prescription of manual and powered wheelchairs; specialist children's buggies; pressure relieving cushions and associated equipment for people from children to adults with complex needs.
- Able to work with clients of all ages and adapt approach to differing needs and expectations
- Developed a Network of contacts both commercially and in research settings that continue to inform my practice and clinical development
- Contributed to development of Education and Health Care process by working directly with the Department of Education and have a good working knowledge of educational systems that impact on children and young people navigating the Education and Health Care assessment process
- Have developed skills of communication and assisting in the progression of change for children and families in difficult and challenging situations

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

New Cross Hospital, School of Occupational Therapy, Wolverhampton
Dip COT with award for outstanding academic achievement (1982)

POST GRADUATE TRAINING:

University Hospital, Cardiff
PGCE in Medical Education (1999)
MSc in Child Health (2006)

CAREER REVIEW:

2016	Social Return, Durham	Case Manager
2015	Wheel of Health	Posture and Mobility Associate
2006 – 2016	Whizz-Kidz, London	Senior Mobility Therapist North of England, Scotland and Ireland
2004 - 2006	ALAS, North Wales	Head III Occupational Therapist, Children & Young People
2002 – 2010	University of Wales, Bangor,	Guest Lecturer in Child Development
2000 – 2004	North East Wales NHS Trust	Head III Occupational Therapist Community Paediatric Service
1996 – 2000	Clwydian NHS Trust	Senior I Occupational Therapist Community Paediatric Service
1993 – 1998	Personal Injuries Compensation Claims Service	Consultant Occupational Therapist (Expert Witness)
1993 – 1996	Child & Family Team Social Services Peterborough	Project Manager Children with a Disability
1984 – 1993	Occupational Therapy Social Services, Peterborough	Senior Grade Occupational Therapist
1982 – 1984	Peterborough District Hospital	Basic Grade Rotational Post

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- British Association of Occupational Therapists and College of Occupational Therapists – Professional Member: BT0104930
- Health and Care Professions Council – Professional Member: OT11697

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