



Tania Carrigan BSc (Hons) OT

PROFILE

Tania is a Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist with more than 10 years' experience in wheelchairs, seating and mobility and postural assessments.

She works with adults and children with complex disabilities. She has a particular interest in 24 hour postural management and works closely with her clients, carers and other health professionals to achieve the best possible outcomes for her clients.

Tania is passionate about improving her client's independence, functional abilities and quality of life.

KEY SKILLS:

- High level of knowledge and experience in complex posture and mobility assessment
- Experience in working with both children and adults with complex disabilities
- Experience in provision of custom seating, manual and power chairs, specialist buggies, modular seating, pressure relieving cushions and postural accessories
- Excellent communication and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with clients, families, carers, other health professionals and agencies
- Excellent assessment and report writing skills
- Experience in working with a diverse population
- Wide, up to date product knowledge
- Passion for 24 hour postural management for clients with the most complex disabilities

EDUCATION:

Brunel University

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy – 1st Class

POST GRADUATE TRAINING:

- 2018 - Passport to People Management
- 2015 - Oxford Postural Management Course
- 2013 – Active Design 24 Hour Postural Management, Assessment and Levels of Ability

CAREER REVIEW:

November 2017 – present

Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist
Roehampton Wheelchair Service
St' George's Hospital Foundation Trust

I work with a team of occupational therapists, physiotherapists, rehab engineers, clinical assistants and administrators. Managing a complex caseload of adults and children.

Completing complex postural and mobility assessments.

Prescription of manual and power chairs, specialist buggies, modular seating, pressure relieving cushions, postural supports.

Organise school clinics. I co-ordinate a range of quality activities within the department.

Supervision of junior colleagues.

August 2014 – November 2017 Highly Specialist Occupational Therapist
 Bowley Close Wheelchair Service.
 Guy's and St. Thomas' Foundation Trust

Managed a complex caseload of adults and children.
 Completed complex postural and mobility assessments.
 Equipment provision including in house custom seating for the most complex clients.
 Prescription of manual and power chairs, specialist buggies, modular seating, pressure relieving cushions, postural supports.
 Liaised with numerous agencies, health professionals etc.
 Ran prescriber's course. Demonstrated equipment and correct manual handling for safe and correct use of equipment. Supervision of junior colleagues.

May 2009 – August 2014 Highly Specialist Occupational Therapist
 Specialist Wheelchair Service
 Central London Community Healthcare

Managed a complex caseload of adult and children.
 Paediatric lead therapist. Completed complex postural and mobility assessments.
 Co-ordinated special school clinics over 3 London boroughs. Co-ordinated specialist buggy clinics. Prescribed a range of equipment for both adults and children.
 Facilitated paediatric power chair training programme.
 Liaised with numerous agencies, health professionals etc.
 Supervision of junior colleagues.
 Lead clinician for infection prevention.

June 2008 - May 2009 Occupational Therapist
 QEF Mobility Centre
 Carshalton

Completed postural and mobility assessments and worked with specialist driving instructors to complete vehicle driving assessments.
 Completed cognitive assessments.
 Provided detailed reports for clients, DVLA and other health professionals.
 Provided advice on Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles, adapted vehicles, manual and power chairs, mobility scooters, postural and pressure relieving equipment.
 Liaised with numerous agencies, health professionals etc.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- British Association of Occupational Therapists and College of Occupational Therapists – Professional Member: BT0801171
 - Health and Care Professions Council – Professional Member: OT57539
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