

## Professional Profile

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### PROFILE

I have been working as an SLT for eight years within several specialist roles. I currently work both privately and for the NHS offering home visits and inpatient neurological rehabilitation.

I have specialist skills in both communication and swallowing disorders particularly with patients with acquired or progressive neurological disorders and head and neck cancer.

I graduated for De Montfort University in 2012 and have since worked across a wide range of settings and client groups in both communication and swallowing disorders. I have worked as a Specialist SLT in an early support discharge role, provide at home rehabilitation for clients who have acquired neurological conditions. I have also worked as a Specialist SLT in providing assessment, support and therapy for clients who have had surgery and treatment for head and neck cancer. My current role allows me to provide residential neurological assessment and management, and also providing individual visits to homes and nursing homes for a wide range of swallowing and communication disorders. I currently work with a lot of clients with dementia and offer training to carers.

I am currently managing a new national project for the care home group I currently work for, to provide extensive online and face to face training to all staff members.

My ethos is to always put my clients and carers/families at the centre of therapy and assessment, and provide bespoke therapy packages based on their individual needs and goals. I am fully aware of the emotional challenges that clients and their families can experience and I ensure that this is recognised and supported throughout the process. I have completed several courses on counselling skills and advanced communication.

I am passionate about having a positive impact on my clients lives and helping them to achieve goals and contribute to an improved quality of life.

In my own time, I enjoy doing Crossfit and spending time with family, friends and my new puppy, Banksy.

## KEY SKILLS

- Dysphagia assessment and management
- Training for individuals and groups
- Specialist assessment of communication disorders
- Specialist management of head and neck clients
- Creating individualised therapy plans
- Functional and impairment based therapy
- Laryngectomy management
- Specialist dysphagia assessment in dementia clients
- Neuro rehab packages

## EDUCATION

2012-2:1 Bcs Hons – De Montfort University  
2013- Manchester Dysphagia Training  
2015- National Care Conference  
2017- Joe Duffy- Neurological Motor disorders  
2018- Macmillan head and neck cancer support  
2018- Advanced Communication Course

### **Membership bodies**

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)  
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT)

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2012-2015- Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust- inpatient dysphagia and communication assessment and community mental health

2015-2018- Worcestershire ESD Team - Specialist SLT - Neurological rehab for patients coming home from hospital, within their own homes

2018-2019- Macmillan Head and Neck Cancer Specialist SLT- Providing assessment and therapy for head and neck cancer patients who have undergone reconstructive surgery, laryngectomy and further treatment such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy

2019-present- Specialist SLT in neurological rehab and general community care such as dementia and progressive neurological conditions

## REFERENCES

References available upon request