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Professional Profile

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFILE

Marie has 20 years of experience working as an Occupational Therapist in both the NHS and the private sector. Although Marie has previously worked with adults, her main experience is with children. She currently works part-time as an Advanced Therapist in Warwickshire's Integrated Disability Team for children and is part of a growing Occupational Therapy service. She has experience of working with a diverse caseload of children 0-19 years old with a variety of difficulties including complex needs, severe learning difficulties, life threatening illness, coordination difficulties and handwriting difficulties. She is responsible for supervising team members and works closely with management dealing with departmental leadership issues. Marie started working in paediatrics in July 1999 as a Junior Occupational Therapist and gradually worked through the grades into her current position. She has been lucky to remain in the same team and has worked actively with colleagues and managers to develop the service and make significant improvements. The team is integrated with Social Services, consequently Marie not only has experience with therapy interventions but equipment needs, minor adaptations and major adaptations to both homes and schools. Marie has been involved in developing and implementing traded services, which allow parents and schools to pay for specialist services linked to Sensory Integration, neurodevelopmental input and co-ordination/handwriting assessments. Marie has developed the hand splinting service from scratch and is one of the departments splinting therapists. Marie is a trained Bobath Therapist and has experience of working with children with complex therapy and equipment needs. Marie can therefore write and implement treatment programmes and works closely with colleagues to develop their neurodevelopmental skills. Since November 2009 Marie has become involved in private practice and has a number of cases across the West Midlands. These cases include children and adults with traumatic brain injuries, Cerebral Palsy, spinal injuries and co-ordination/handwriting difficulties. Marie has been involved in therapy sessions, equipment, adaptations and hand splinting. Marie has worked closely with Case Managers and the therapy and care teams that work around the client. Marie now works part time as an Occupational Therapist both for the NHS and privately and part time as a Case Manager.

KEY SKILLS

- ! Bobath Trained Therapist
- ! Neuro-developmental work
- ! Equipment assessment and provision
- ! Complex seating assessments
- ! Co-ordination difficulties
- ! Hand Splinting
- ! Learning Disabilities
- ! Independent living skills

AREAS OF EXPERTISE / OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- ! Paediatrics

EDUCATION

- ! BSc hons Occupational Therapy – qualified July 1998
- ! Bobath Trained – qualified 2005

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

South Warwickshire Foundation NHS Trust – I have worked for the trust for 20 years in the children's team working my way from a junior therapist to an Advanced Band 7 therapist.

I have worked for Community Case Management Services (CCMS) as a Case Manager since 2007.

I now work part time as an NHS Occupational Therapist, part time as a Private Practicing Occupational Therapist and Part time as a Case Manager.

REFERENCES

References available upon request