

Professional Profile

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFILE

I am a specialist Speech and Language Therapist who has extensive experience of working with people with swallowing and communication impairments. I have a passion for working with stroke and neurology patients and have significant experience, skills and knowledge in a wide range of speech, language, communication and swallowing disorders.

I graduated with a First-Class Honours Degree from Manchester Metropolitan University in Speech Pathology and Therapy. I have experience in working with acquired neurological conditions and acute medical conditions which impact on communication and swallowing. I have also worked with people who have voice disorders and have experience of working with transgender clients for vocal feminisation therapy.

I strive to empower clients to achieve their goals and maximise their potential with their speech, language, communication or swallowing difficulties and have been praised on my ability to encourage independence and confidence, focusing on achievable goals to enable improvement despite their impairments.

I work within the NHS as an Advanced Specialist & Clinical Lead for Speech and Language Therapy in the Early Supported Discharge Community Team for Stroke patients. I manage a small team of therapists and am responsible for the operational management of the service. In my career, I have worked with highly-experienced medical and neurological specialists improving services and enhancing staff knowledge, skills and expertise.

As an advocate for multi-disciplinary working, I have extensive experience of working collaboratively to enable clients to maximise their potential in their therapy and rehabilitation. I promote holistic working in my interventions and I place importance on exploring the emotional, psychological and physical needs a client may have, in addition to their specific speech, language, communication and swallowing needs.

Outside of work, I enjoy cooking, socialising and going to the gym. I am an avid book reader and enjoy my well-earned holidays.

I am passionate about my job and making a difference to clients' lives, promoting independence and encouraging confidence with communication and swallowing is my main ambition. The positive outcomes that come from my interventions are the most rewarding part of my job.

KEY SKILLS

- Assessment and management of acquired and complex communication and swallowing impairments.
- Identifying appropriateness of formal vs informal assessments
- Holistic management of aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia of speech, cognitive-communication disorder and dysphagia
- Working with challenging behaviours as a result of brain injury
- Individualised assessment and therapy tools
- Development and delivery of bespoke therapy programmes for clients
- Impairment-based therapy
- Provision of compensatory strategies to achieve full communication and swallowing potential
- Excellent communication skills
- Functional intervention

AREAS OF EXPERTISE / OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Areas of Expertise/ Other useful information

- Stroke and neurology
- Brain injury
- Progressive neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease, Motor Neurone Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Dementia
- Acquired complex communication and swallowing disorders
- Assessment and management of aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia of speech, cognitive-communication impairment and dysphagia
- Complex rehabilitation
- Voice disorders, including psychogenic, structural and neurological
- Experience of working with transgender patients and offering vocal feminisation therapy
- Mental capacity assessments
- Training of clients, family and staff
- Clinical educator and student supervision
- Clinical and managerial supervision
- Utilisation of outcome measures in therapy
- Member of the West Midlands ESD & Rehabilitation Working Group
- Contributed to the development of the NHSE Report on Stroke Care in the Midlands: Early Supported Discharge & Rehabilitation
- Previously a committee member for Clinical Excellence Network for Stroke in the Midlands
- Contributed to wider service development initiatives within the National Health Service

Professional Memberships:

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) – SL32159

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) – RC0032676

Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice – (awaiting membership number)

Courses Attended (a selection):

Access to Communication and Technology, Birmingham – October 2019

Nutricia Dysphagia Academy, London – September 2019

Therapy Outcome Measures by Pam Enderby, London – June 2019

West Midlands SSNAP & Stroke Clinical Network Group, Birmingham – April 2019

Accredited Managers Training, Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust – March 2019

UK Stroke Forum Conference, Telford – December 2018

Level 1 Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) Interpreter Training, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust – July 2018

Reading Adult Videofluoroscopies – Introduction to neurological disorders, common neurological dysphagia presentations, utilisation of VFS and approaches to analysis, UCLH London – September 2017

International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference, City University London – December 2016

Trust Mental Capacity Act and DOLS Training, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust – November 2016

Introduction to Clinical and Non-clinical leadership, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust – October 2016

British Laryngological Association Assessment and Diagnosis in the Voice Clinic, UHB Birmingham – March 2016

In-house Post-Graduate Dysphagia Training Programme, Poole Hospital – 2015

EDUCATION

Manchester Metropolitan University (2010-2014)
BSc(Hons) Speech Pathology and Therapy – First Class Honours (2014)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

November 2018 – Present

Band 7 Advanced Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

May 2018 – November 2018

Band 7 Clinical Lead Speech and Language Therapist in Stroke – secondment
South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

May 2015 – May 2018

Band 6 Specialist Speech and Language Therapist – Stroke, Acute Medical & Voice

May 2014 – May 2015

Band 5 Speech and Language Therapist
Poole Hospitals NHS Trust

August 2011 – May 2014 (During holiday periods from University)

Customer Service Advisor – Outbound
National Farmers Union, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

July 2011 – September 2011

Front of House Waitress
The White Lion, Radford Semele, Warwickshire

September 2010 – May 2010

Front of House Waitress
The Stag at Offchurch, Warwickshire

July 2008 – August 2011

Sales Advisor
Next Retail, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

REFERENCES

Available on request