Alexa Hazell

Consultant Occupational Therapist

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| **Professional Qualification**  BSc Hons in Occupational therapy – University of Derby  MSc in Rehabilitation – University of Nottingham  **Professional Membership**  HCPC (Health and Care Professions Council)  BAOT (The British Association of Occupational Therapists)  COT SS- IP (College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section of Independent Practice)  COT SSNP (College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section of Neurological Practice)  **Current Role**  *January 2012* ***–*** *Present*   * Development of neurological occupational therapy services * Provision of Occupational Therapy expert reports * Assessment and treatment programmes for clients with a traumatic brain injury * Lead therapist for Vocational rehabilitation * Lead Therapist for Cognitive Technology * Development of splinting services for upper limb * Development of services within an inpatient Neurological Rehabilitation unit * Project Lead on EU-funded assistive technology research – CogWatch * Consultant OT on a joint project with Sandwell Council and Learning Disability Clients looking at reducing high cost care packages and implementing technology * Assessing, planning and implementing therapy programmes often with clients with complex needs within the community. * Improving quality of life through maximising independence and support to help achieve goals.   **Career Pathway:**  I qualified as an Occupational Therapist from the University of Derby in 1994 and obtained an MSc from Nottingham University in 2002 which included qualitative research into upper limb splinting. I have extensive NHS experience covering orthopedics, stroke, progressive neurological conditions, and early psychosis in hospital and community settings. Since 1998 I have I then specialised in brain injury rehabilitation aside from a 12 month project management secondment evaluating the impact of assistive technologies on functional independence. I have been Consultant Occupational Therapist at Headwise since 2012, which involves cognitive rehabilitation, functional interventions, vocational rehabilitation and management of behavioral issues. I have particular interest and expertise in assessments for specialist equipment aids and small adaptations including assistive technology and upper limb splinting.  I have undergone training on mental capacity and civil litigation and am experienced in working within the framework of litigation and case management.  **Training and Professional Development.**  Headwise requires that all personnel to undertake ongoing training and professional development to ensure high quality services are delivered to our clients. My current training portfolio is available on request.  **Resume of Career Pathway to date:**  **January 2012 – Present** – Consultant Occupational Therapist at Headwise Limited  **January 2006 – December 2011 –** Lead Occupational Therapist within a Community Neurological Rehabilitation Team - Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals Trust  **January 2010 – December 2010 Secondment -** Tele healthcare project manager – NHS West Midlands  **January 2005 – 2006 -** Senior 1 Occupational Therapist – Early intervention team – Wolverhampton PCT  **June 2005 – December 2005 -** Senior 1 Occupational therapist – Wolverhampton PCT  **January 2003 – June 2005 -** Senior 1 – Vocational rehabilitation - Wolverhampton PCT  **1998-2002** Senior 1 – Outpatient service for neurological conditions – Wolverhampton PCT  **1996-1998** Senior 2 – inpatient unit – Wolverhampton PCT  **1994- 1996** Basic grade post – Wolverhampton pct.  **Publications**  Brewin J & **Hazell A** (2004) “How successful are we at getting our clients back to work?” The results of an audit. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy* 67(4) 148-152  Charmayne M.L. Hughes\*, Chris Baber, Marta Bienkiewicza, Andrew Worthington, **Alexa Hazell** & Joachim Hermsdörfer. The application of SHERPA (Systematic Human Error Reduction and Prediction Approach) in the development of compensatory cognitive rehabilitation strategies for stroke patients with left and right brain damage. *Ergonomics 2014 Published* 15/10/14 | **Contact Details**  Birmingham Office  Innovation Centre  Longbridge Technology Park  Birmingham  B31 2TS  Telephone  0121 222 5342  Email  [ahazell@headwise.org.uk](mailto:ahazell@headwise.org.uk)  Mobile: 07854387976 |