**Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

***The service***

Headwise offers a bespoke vocational rehabilitation service to enable people to return to fulfilling employment and personal development, such as training, education, or alternative vocations following an acquired disability. Our goal-directed service is delivered by highly skilled professionals and is tailored to suit each individual’s strengths and training needs. This service can be integrated with other healthcare or rehabilitation services the individual is receiving.

***The team***

Our vocational rehabilitation services are led by Consultant Occupational Therapists - Alexa Hazell and Ian Connell. They are supported by Therapy Assistants and Headwise is also able to offer assessments and psychological counselling by Neuropsychologists and Occupational Psychologists.

**Initial assessment**

A full vocational and functional assessment using both standardised and non-standardised tests

Existing job to return to

Unable to return to pre-injury job or career

Never worked or unemployed pre-injury

* Support with returning to work, including job and task analysis, graded return to work programmes and work based strategies
* Functional assessment of workplace
* Support for employers
* Ongoing assessment of performance at work
* Identify alternative suitable career path of interest
* CV development
* Support to find alternative vocational opportunities
  + Education and training courses
  + Voluntary /placement opportunities
  + Liaison with statutory services such as DEAS
* Identify suitable career path of interest
* CV development
* Support to access vocational opportunities
  + Education and training courses
  + Voluntary or paid vocation
  + Liaison with other necessary statutory services & organisations

***Other services***

As part of the vocational rehabilitation service, Headwise is also able to offer support with:

* Financial issues and budgeting
* Compensatory cognitive strategies needed to carry out vocational tasks and activities
* Assessments of functional adaptations to work environment
* Advice on assistive technology
* Job analysis
* Job development
* Placement services

*"Headwise is a great organisation to work with.  They have professional and friendly staff that helped me improve my confidence and gave me a great direction with voluntary work and courses so I can return to full-time work.  It has been great working with them." (Client, LP)*

**Contact Details:**

For more information on our services please refer to the Headwise website at [www.headwise.org.uk](http://www.headwise.org.uk). Alternatively if you wish to discuss your needs in greater detail then please contact us:-

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