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PERSONAL PROFILE

Specialist physiotherapist in Paediatric Physiotherapy. Claire has worked in various in-patient and community neurological settings both in the NHS and privately. She has a particular interest in working with children with developmental delay and complex neurological conditions, such as cerebral palsy and acquired brain injuries. Claire has excellent interpersonal and communication skills and is able to adapt her communication to suit the needs of the child and family. Claire has completed the Hannon course and studied sign language to a basic level. Claire is Bobath trained and is highly specialised in the area of neurological disability both in the fields of adult and paediatric care. She has a keen interest in 24-hour postural management and is adapt at providing functional positions to enhance a child's ability and engagement in activities of daily living. Claire has a wide experience of working in conjunction with other therapists and children's services to provide a high quality service to children and their families. Claire is compassionate, imaginative and forward thinking in her practice and understands the important of engaging children in their therapy to achieve long-term goals.

EDUCATION

2001-2004	University of Salford B.Sc. (Hons). Physiotherapy	1 st
1999-2001	Nelson and Colne College, Burnley A Level: Biology, Art and Design AS Level: Psychology and Physical Education	A, A B & A
1994-1999	Mansfield High School, Burnley 12 GCSEs	2 A*, 3 A's, 6 B's, 1 C's

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2017 – Current **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist for Tots2Teens Therapy, Marple.**

Roles and Responsibilities:

Since joining Tots2Teens therapy I continue to apply my indepth knowledge of paediatric neuro physiotherapy with conditions such as cerebral palsy and genetic conditions. As well as other paediatric conditions such as Duchenne's muscular dystrophy, hypermobility aswell as acute musculoskeletal problems like talipes, plagiocephaly and Erbs palsy.

August 2016 - Current **Specialist Neurological Physiotherapist at Manchester Neurotherapy Centre, Swinton**

Roles and Responsibilities:

I work predominantly with adults, who present with a wide range of neurological conditions such as stroke, multiple sclerosis, acquired brain injuries, parkinsons disease and spinal cord injuries. I work alongside Bobath tutors and experienced members of staff to provide specific hands on treatment for each patient. Our goal is to maximise a clients' potential both soon after a diagnosis and for many years later.

Nov 2008 – August 2016 **Band 6 Community Paediatric Physiotherapist**
Integrated Service for Children with Additional Needs (ISCAN)
Tameside and Glossop Primary Care Trust

Roles and Responsibilities:

I assessed and treated children from 0-19 in a variety of settings including schools, clinics, homes and the local hospital. My caseload consisted of children with cerebral palsy and other complex neurological

problems. I also treated children with developmental delay, simple musculoskeletal problems and orthopaedic issues. I worked closely with the ISCAN service at two special schools to provide joint therapy sessions and treatment goals where appropriate. I developed hydrotherapy programmes for children at these schools and I ran the children's hydrotherapy service at the local hospital. I worked closely with parents, school staff and support workers and ensured they were competent to provide therapy advice whilst understanding the child's condition and implications of this.

**Sept 2006 - Oct 2008 Band 6 Seconded Rotational Physiotherapist within the inpatient Physiotherapy team.
Fairfield General Hospital**

Roles and Responsibilities:

Within this time I assisted in the running of the cardiac rehabilitation service, the amputee service and worked on acute medical and surgical wards. I was responsible for the management of the adult outpatient and community neurological waiting list as well as covering on an acute stroke ward and neurological rehabilitation ward. I was responsible for the transition and continuity of care of paediatric neurological patients into adult services. My caseload was wide ranging and varied which gave me invaluable experience of many conditions. I learnt to be able to adapt to many situations and transfer specialist knowledge and skills from one area to another.

**Sept 2004 – Sept 2006 Rotational Band 5 Physiotherapist
Fairfield General Hospital**

Roles and Responsibilities:

I gained a basic understanding of all the core areas of physiotherapy practice including musculoskeletal outpatients, respiratory care, neurology - acute, community and outpatients, paediatrics and care of the elderly. It was at this time I completed the introduction to the bobath concept for the first time which sparked my interest in neurological therapy.

RELEVANT COURSES

<u>COURSE TITLE</u>		<u>DATE</u>
Wheelchair Accreditation Course		June 2008
An Introduction to Myofascial Release (Peter Michell)		July 2008
Introduction to Myofascial Release (John Annan)	Part 1	February 2009
	Part 2	March 2009
Introduction to Gait Analysis and Gait Analysis Equipment		March 2009
Thomas Myers Anatomy Lines (James Earl)		October 2009
Communication – Hannon and signing course		April 2010
Postural Management of Adults and Children with Complex Disabilities		March 2012
Paediatric Respiratory Course		November 2012
Paediatric Bobath 8 week course		June 2015
Annual Sensory Integration Conference Birmingham 2 days		September 2015
Importance of the Head, Neck and Shoulder Course		July 2016
Introduction to the Bobath Concept Part 1 and 2 and 3 Repeated		November 2016
Adult Basic Bobath Course (3 weeks course) Completed		June 2017
Advanced Bobath Course (5 days run by the International Bobath Instructor Training Association)		January 2018

MEMBERSHIPS

Health Professions Council
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Membership No: PH68405
Membership No: 070854
