



Deborah Murgatroyd

Case Manager, Wigan

Deborah possesses extensive expertise in assessment and report writing tailored to diverse audiences. She excels in conducting physical, cognitive, and perceptual assessments across a broad spectrum of clinical conditions. Her ability to establish rapport and communicate effectively empowers clients facing various communication challenges. Deborah adeptly conveys complex information to enhance understanding and delivers difficult news with empathy, fostering both comprehension and compliance. Employing evidence-based practices, Deborah supports her decision-making processes. She is highly organised and efficient, capable of working under pressure while meeting deadlines. With significant experience in training and supervising staff, she also mentors students pursuing the Driving Assessor training qualification at Chester University. Furthermore, Deborah has a proven track record in innovative practices, project planning and implementation, and contributing to national guidelines for driving assessments.

Deborah became a qualified Occupational Therapist in 1985 and has since gained experience in various clinical areas. She completed a comprehensive basic grade rotation, covering physical medicine, mental health, learning disabilities, and forensic mental health, before specialising in spinal cord injury rehabilitation. While residing in Australia, she worked in the Occupational Health field. Upon her return to the United Kingdom, she became a lecturer in Occupational Therapy, teaching undergraduate courses on the Biomechanical treatment model, rehabilitation treatment model, and stress management modules. In 1993, she established a driving assessment service for the North West of England and has remained active in this specialisation. In this position, she has gathered extensive experience in assessing and reporting on clients with a diverse range of medical conditions, both physical and mental health-related. Effective, concise, accurate, and evidence-based communication is essential in her assessment role, and she takes pride in her ability to tailor her communication style to suit different audiences.

Clinical Specialities

- Spinal injuries
- Orthopaedics
- Neurology
- Brain Injury
- Elderly care
- Mental health
- Forensic psychiatry
- Driving assessments/advising
- Learning disabilities
- Medico legal assessment and reporting

Qualifications

Diploma in Occupational Therapy;
College of Occupational Therapy,
Liverpool. Ltd. 1985

Professional Memberships

BAOT
HCPC
CMSUK
Current DBS

Case Management Competencies

- Proficient in assessment and reporting, utilizing a biomechanical assessment approach
- Skilled in cognitive and perceptual evaluations, alongside functional assessments of physical, cognitive, and perceptual performance
- Highly analytical and observant
- Well-organised
- Reflective in practice
- Confident and adept at communicating effectively with various agencies and organisations, both verbally and in writing

Work Experience

2018 - Present

Unite Professionals Limited

Case Manager

March 1993 - Present

North West Driving Assessment Service

Clinical Lead OT

1995 - 2000

Consultant Expert Witness OT

1993 - 1993

University College Salford

Lecturer in Occupational Therapy

1992

Reed Employment Agency

Senior OT Elderly Medicine

1991 - 1993

Wakefield Health Authority

Senior OT Burns / Plastic & Hand Therapy

1990 - 1991

Hunter Rehab Services, Australia

Senior OT in Spinal Injuries

1998 - 1990

Wakefield Health Authority

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1995 - 1998

Wakefield Health Authority

Basic Grade OT Rotational Post

Continued Professional Development

- Flying with a disability – Try B4 you fly
- Standardized Psychological Testing - BAOT
- Assessment to drive of people with special needs - Greenwich University
- Assessment of personal transport needs and recommendations for equipment and adaptations for disabled people. - Greenwich University
- Driving After Brain Injury - British Psychological Society
- Institute of Leadership Management level 5
- Advanced counseling certificate – Heron 9 category intervention
- Courtroom skills – Bond Salon
- Excellence in report writing – Bond Salon

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Unite Professionals are a renowned, independent Case Management firm, committed to assisting individuals who have endured catastrophic and life altering injuries. Our approach is both comprehensive and empathetic, underpinned by our professional expertise and steadfast belief in the strength of those we support.

Enquiries and Referrals

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