



## Laura Collins

### Clinical Lead & Case Manager, Cambridgeshire

Laura has over 17 years' experience as a Neuro Occupational Therapist working with clients who have both acquired and traumatic brain injuries as well as associated complex trauma injuries. Laura has extensive clinical and leadership experience within the field of neurorehabilitation, This has provided her with a range of skills and knowledge for supporting clients who have complex physical, cognitive, communication and behavioural difficulties with their journey of recovery and ongoing adjustment to their daily activities and life experiences.

Laura has experience working with clients who have social, emotional, and mental health difficulties and with clients where English is not their first language. Laura has a particular interest in fatigue management, cognitive rehabilitation and using a functional approach to optimise goal achievement.

### Clinical Specialities

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- Traumatic & Acquired Brain Injury
- Complex Musculoskeletal Injuries
- Visual Impairment
- Neurobehavioral Assessment & Rehabilitation
- Cognitive, Physical & Cognitive-Communication Rehabilitation
- Supporting Social & Emotional Adjustment
- Fatigue Management & Education
- Complex Discharge Planning & Case Co-ordination
- Community Rehabilitation, Equipment & Care Provision
- Environmental Assessment & Adaptation
- Assistive Technology & Telecare
- Continuing Healthcare Funding

### Case Management Competencies

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- Working with clients with neurological, visual, and orthopaedic injuries for both unsettled and settled cases.
- Creative in approach to enable clients to overcome and adjust to the challenges they are experiencing.

### Feedback

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"It has been lovely working with you both and your input to GW has been amazing and of great value and benefit to her. I expect our paths will cross at some point in the future and hopefully we will get to work together again."

### Qualifications

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- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, University of Derby, 2006.
- BA (Hons) Health Studies, DeMontfort University Leicester, 2001.

### Professional Memberships

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RCOT  
RCOT Specialist Section for  
Neurological Practice  
HCPC  
CMSUK  
BABICM  
Current DBS

## Case Examples

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- 23-year-old female. Traumatic brain injury following road traffic accident. Facilitation of rehabilitation in home environment to support development of independent living skills and strategies to support progressing to independent living in the future. Develop and review Personal Assistant (PA) support plans ensuring client central to planning and implementation. Support recruitment of PA's to provide skilled level of support. Support with finances.
- 50-year-old male with complex multiple trauma injuries following road traffic accident (motorbike vs car). Facilitation of private inpatient rehabilitation and complex discharge planning requiring change in accommodation. Co-ordination of MDT, therapy intervention, medical appointments, and additional services on return to the community. Client motivated to return to driving and work. Completed risk assessments with MDT following changes in presentation to mitigate risks whilst maximising independence and quality of life.

## Work Experience

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November 2022 - Present

**Unite Professionals Limited**

Clinical Lead and Case Manager

January 2022 - November 2022

**Anglia Case Management**

Case Manager

April 2018 - January 2022

**The Disabilities Trust, Brain Injury Unit**

Senior Specialist Occupational Therapist & Clinical Coordinator

September 2009 - April 2018

**The Disabilities Trust, Brain Injury Unit**

Senior Occupational Therapist

October 2006 - September 2009

**The Disabilities Trust, Brain Injury Unit**

Occupational Therapist

## Continued Professional Development

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- Level 4 Safeguarding Training, January 2024.
- UPL Upper Limb Study Day – November 2023.
- Brain Injury Group: Court of Protection Study Day – March 2023.
- Level 3 Safeguarding Training, 2022.
- BABICM: Beyond the Beginnings Case Management Study Day - November 2022.
- Annual Mandatory Training including Moving and Handling, GDPR, Medication and Epilepsy.
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Fatigue Management Workshop.
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CHC Assessment Workshop.
- Cambridge County Council 'Understanding and Assessing Capacity'.
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference, Harrogate.

## About Unite Professionals Case Management

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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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