

Alison Morgan, Occupational Therapist

Alison Morgan, Dip COT, SROT, is an experienced Occupational Therapist, registered with the Health Professions Council and is a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists. She qualified in 1990 gaining a Diploma of the College of Occupational Therapists from Derby School of Occupational Therapy. She has worked in the NHS, Social Services and the Independent Sector gaining extensive experience of working with children and adults with complex disabilities.

On qualifying, her first post was in the NHS in Dudley gaining hospital experience in general medicine, orthopaedics, general surgery, rheumatology, care of the elderly and psychiatry.

In 1992 she moved into Paediatrics with a Post at a Child Development Centre assessing and implementing treatment programmes for pre-school children, working with a wide range of disabilities including cerebral palsy, learning difficulties, sensory difficulties and congenital abnormalities. Experience was also gained working with children up to 19 years in a Special School setting, advising teaching staff and assessing for appropriate wheelchairs and modular seating systems.

A move to Shropshire in 1995 and a senior position within a Child Development centre based within the Princess Royal Hospital enabled Alison to gain valuable experience of working on a ward with children with orthopaedic and neurological conditions. She was also instrumental in setting up clinics for children with eating/swallowing difficulties predominantly with Cerebral Palsy. During this role Alison also gained experience of children with disabilities placed in mainstream school providing specialist comprehensive reports to the local authority, contributing to their statement of special educational needs.

In 1998 she moved to a senior position in Social Services within the Children with Disabilities Team. Case work involved assessment for specialist equipment and major structural adaptations, furthering clinical skills with complex disabilities such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spinal and head injuries. She also provided reports for "looked after" children on suitable care and respite placements.

In 2003 Alison returned to the field of Adults with Disabilities taking a post in Social Services, providing equipment and complex adaptations to disabled people. Conditions worked with included head injuries, spinal injuries, progressive neurological conditions, amputees, visual and hearing impairments.

During 2004 until 2008 she was promoted to a managerial post responsible for the running of the OT team for Shropshire and supervision of OT staff. During this time Alison successfully completed the Councils 12 month leadership and management training and a Masters module in Performance Management within the Public Sector. Alison then moved into Independent practice providing comprehensive assessments to health and local authorities and other organisations including the Royal British Legion. She has also provided specialist children's reports to be presented at tribunals on behalf of local Education Authorities.