

Anna Brown, RGN

Anna Brown is a Registered General Nurse with extensive experience. She trained at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and subsequently specialised in the field of spinal cord injury, gaining ENB 371 (Nursing Patients with Spinal Cord Injury) in 1990. Following this she spent a further eight years at Stoke Mandeville as a Senior Staff Nurse and Sister.

She worked for three years with acute newly injured clients, gaining experience with the care of tracheostomies and those clients requiring ventilation. For the remaining five years she worked on the Rehabilitation Ward preparing clients for discharge back to the community. Additionally she cared for children with spinal cord injury who were admitted regularly for reassessment regarding health, care and equipment. She went to Spain as nurse/carer with a group of spinal injured people.

On a personal level, she met her future husband in 1993. He is himself, paraplegic as the result of an accident. She, therefore, has ongoing and valuable life experience of catastrophic disability.

After leaving Stoke Mandeville, Anna Brown worked as a deputy matron in a private nursing home.

Anna's clients were adults aged between 25 and 64. They had a variety of physical disabilities including spinal cord injury, severe head injury, multiple sclerosis and Huntington's Chorea. Anna Brown assessed these clients and set up comprehensive packages of care to include the level of nursing care required, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and social activity.

Anna Brown returned to the National Health Service for a further two years and worked in Intensive Care. However, her main interest lies with the long term management of clients with disabilities and she joined Bush & Company Rehabilitation LLP as Case Manager and nursing expert.

In her role as Case Manager, she has been putting into place and organising care regimes for clients who have a broad range of catastrophic disabilities, including spinal cord injury, head injury and children with cerebral palsy and working under the Code of Best Practice in Rehabilitation, Early Intervention and Medical Treatment in Personal Injury Claims. She is an associate member of the British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM).