

Dean Bush, Social Worker

Dean Bush qualified as a Social Worker at Oxford Brookes University with a Diploma in Social Work. Dean is registered with the General Social Care Council and is a member of CMSUK.

Prior to this registration Dean undertook numerous periods of voluntary and paid work within the disability field which included working with both adults and children with learning and physical disabilities

Since qualification Dean has gained a comprehensive knowledge base of social work including both statutory and private sector organisations. His main area of experience is in the disability field with adults and children, including those with conditions such as Cerebral Palsy and Acquired Brain Injury.

He has worked as part of an integrated team in a number of work settings, including working within the special education sector and has gained considerable experience working with children and young people who have a Statement of Special Educational Need.

Dean has also had experience of writing very complex and in depth Form F reports for prospective foster carers and has had experience of compiling court reports and being a witness in complex child care court proceedings. During his Social work career he has held management roles both within social services and the NHS and has recruited and supervised large teams of staff both qualified and unqualified.

In 2007 Dean was part of a management team responsible for the closure of a large long stay institution for adults with learning difficulties and facilitating the process of change management. This involved chairing and arranging complex meetings with parents, advocates and other bodies, to facilitate closure and ensure ongoing needs were met. Dean then went on to manage a Social Work Team exclusively assisting adults to move into supported community living: a role which also included the recruitment and supervision of staff.

Dean has been involved with a learning disability charity as a trustee and lectured at Reading University on disability based topics.

Dean worked part time as a case manager with adults and children with spinal injury at the National Spinal Injury Centre in Stoke Mandeville, during which he gained extensive knowledge and experience relating to Spinal Injury and the process of treatment and rehabilitation.

He has also been involved in chairing discharge planning meetings and arranging Continuing Healthcare Assessments for patients with varying degrees of spinal cord injury. This has also included liaising with both PCT'S and Social Services for funding. He has also acted as a key worker for patients and chaired Goal Planning Meetings. Dean is also a member of a Quality Improvement Group looking at how to improve patient care within the hospital setting. Dean has a good working knowledge of relevant legislation including the Children Act 1989, NHS and Community Care Act 1990 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

Dean joined Bush & Company in 2010 undertaking case management for adults and children with a range of catastrophic injuries including brain and spinal cord injury. He is a member of BABICM (British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers).