

Deborah Perry, Social Worker

Deborah is a social worker, BA, MA, CQSW, with 28 years of experience in local authorities, partnership working with NHS, private and voluntary sector and social care organisations. She has held a number of management positions in children and adult services and has been in senior roles for the last 10 years.

Much of this experience has been working with children and young adults including those with spinal cord injuries, acquired brain injury, learning disabilities and complex health care needs. She has an ongoing personal experience of disability since birth, resulting in mobility difficulties from a very young age.

She began her career at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, working with oncology patients and disabled children. She obtained her social work qualification at Leicester University and then practised generic social work in a duty and assessment team in a local authority.

Deborah has been a manager for over 20 years at both Service Manager and Team Manager level in a variety of settings working with both children and adults. This has included managing a generic Access team

responsible for assessing all new referrals for adult and children's services and of managing a child care operations team responsible for child protection and looked after children, including disabled children.

As a contracts manager she was responsible for negotiation, management and monitoring of contracts with independent providers of residential, nursing and domiciliary care services.

She has been a Service Manager since 2001, managing and developing services to meet the community care needs of disabled adults and children in Leicester's multi-cultural population.

This included the assessment and provision of occupational therapy, equipment and adaptations services, day care and care management services. Much of her work has involved extensive liaison with service users, their families and other involved partners

She held overall responsibility for assessment and provision of care packages and services to meet individual need predominantly for adults, including young adults moving from children services, with physical disabilities. This included individuals with an acquired brain injury and people with complex



neurological conditions. Deborah was responsible for over 80 staff and a budget of £8m. She has directly managed teams involving supervision of staff, management of HR issues and professional development.

Both her management and clinical experience has given her a solid foundation and knowledge of statutory service provision.

Deborah is currently the local authority lead officer for Continuing Health Care (CHC) responsible for the operational and strategic management of such. She has successfully project managed a review of joint arrangements for CHC with partner local authorities and Primary Care Trusts including writing CHC guidance and delivering required training for staff across partner agencies.

Deborah has extensive experience of working with legal teams and has given evidence in court. She is registered to practice as a social worker with the General Social Care Council.

Deborah undertakes Case Management for both adults and children with complex disabilities.



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