

## Gail Russell, Occupational Therapist

Gail graduated from Liverpool University in 1994 with a BSc Occupational Therapy degree. After spending the first four years of her career working on surgical, medical and rehabilitation wards, and in the community, she went on to specialise in working with adults and children with complex disabilities. Gail has worked in lower limb amputee rehabilitation both in the hospital and community. Gail has worked as part of the Multi-Disciplinary Team in several intermediate care teams. She was responsible for carrying out assessments to determine rehabilitation programmes and Care Packages for clients with newly acquired disabilities.

Gail's most recent post is Clinical Manager of a large NHS wheelchair service. She has a clinical caseload that includes adults and children with severe and complex neurological disabilities. Within this post she has the role of "Key Trainer" in Manual Handling, and is responsible for providing staff with Manual Handling training. Gail has extensive experience in assessing for and prescribing manual and powered wheelchairs of all specifications, pressure relief cushions and seating systems.

Gail has carried out assessments and recommendations for clients with a range of disabilities who are accessing the Access to Work Scheme in Wales. This involved producing detailed reports about a client's disability and recommending equipment/adaptations with costs.

Gail has extensive experience in working with both adults and children with a variety of conditions including Cerebral Palsy, Acquired Brain Injury, Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neurone Disease and Muscular Dystrophy. She has particular expertise in the physical management of adults and children with complex disabilities and adopts the 24-hour approach to posture management. She is highly skilled in the assessment and prescription of specialist seating, and is competent in recommending customised seating.

Gail carries out in depth assessments with both adults and children with complex disabilities and makes recommendations for equipment and works closely with other agencies to ensure this is used appropriately to enhance independence and function.



Gail has worked with a number of organisations in establishing posture management regimes and advising on physical management programmes.

Gail carries out Immediate Needs Assessments on clients with a variety of injuries and makes recommendations for rehabilitation and care packages. Gail has experience in working with a variety of agencies to ensure clients receive the most appropriate care, rehabilitation and equipment.

Gail has completed a postgraduate certificate in Postural Management for People with Complex Disabilities through Oxford Brookes University and Nuffield Orthopaedic Trust (2004-2005).

Gail Russell is a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists (BAOT), the Health Professionals Council (HPC) and the Posture and Mobility Group (PMG).



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