

Gail Vazzoler, Occupational Therapist

Gail Vazzoler, Dip COT, SROT, qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 1978 from the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. She is a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists and is registered with the Health Professions Council.

Gail Vazzoler began her occupational therapy career in Worcestershire Mental Health Services, initially working on a Health Service directed project to close a long stay hospital. Gail Vazzoler became Head Occupational Therapist for a large therapy team within the mental health services and led a large team of qualified and unqualified staff delivering an occupational therapy service to vulnerable clients with a range of mental health problems in the community and hospital.

Following a short period of maternity leave, Gail Vazzoler moved to a senior position within the Learning Disability Service and took responsibility for setting up a new occupational therapy service providing assessment and day care for adults and children with profound learning disabilities.

Gail Vazzoler moved to a senior position as a Community Occupational Therapist in 1990 and to date holds a part time post with South Worcestershire Primary Care Trust.

She is responsible for the assessment of adults and children with long term disabilities in their home, school, college or work environment.

Gail Vazzoler works as a key worker for clients with complex needs arising from traumatic injury or illness and as a result has acquired specialist skills in discharge planning, equipment provision and negotiating funds for housing adaptations.

Gail Vazzoler introduced an Occupational Therapy Service within the pulmonary rehabilitation service and for clients with Chronic Fatigue syndrome. In 2006, Gail Vazzoler was asked to join a Department of Health working group to develop service models to complement NICE guidelines for work with CFS clients.

Gail Vazzoler is committed to continued professional education and supervises junior therapy staff and students within her current NHS role. Gail Vazzoler combines her NHS role with the undertaking of Immediate Needs Assessments under the Rehabilitation Code of Best Practice.