

Jackie Bevan, Occupational Therapist

Jackie Bevan, BSc OT, MSc, qualified as an Occupational Therapist from Liverpool University in 1994. Since then she has worked as a hospital Occupational Therapist, gaining experience in Elderly mentally ill, Paediatrics, Orthopaedics, General Medicine and Spinal Cord Injury. She has worked within the field of spinal cord injury since 1995 and as a senior clinician within the field since 1999. She gained an MSc in Health Practice in 2005 from Salford University, specialising in Neurological Dysfunction.

Jackie Bevan's experience within the field of spinal cord injury includes assessment and treatment of patients with both traumatic (paraplegia, tetraplegia and incomplete injuries at various levels), non-traumatic injuries (spina bifida, MS) and conditions such as MND, covering children through to the elderly. Many of these patients have had secondary conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, cancer etc. Jackie Bevan also has experience of amputees.

During her time within this field, Jackie Bevan has assessed hundreds of clients both within the rehabilitation setting and within their home environment, considering appropriate aids and adaptations to assist them with their activities of daily living (ADL).

A large aspect of their physical rehabilitation is ensuring that these individuals obtain as much functional independence as they can, teaching activities such as transfer skills, functional activities training for ADL, upper limb strengthening exercises, using functional electrical stimulation for strengthening, wheelchair skills training, posture and seating assessments, pressure mapping and self-care activities.

Rehabilitation also involved advising and assessing Information technology equipment, undertaking driving assessments and considering the recreational and employment needs of this client group. Jackie has been involved with writing housing needs assessment reports, home visit and adaptation reports, employment suitability reports and reports requested from various community liaison services and charities. She has been an active member of the Southport Paraplegic Sports and Social Club organising fund raising events for them and is now an Honorary Member.

Having completed her MSc in Health Practice, Jackie Bevan specialised her research on "Upper limb reconstructive surgery and the impact this has upon activities of daily living function of C5/6 tetraplegic adults".

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Over the years Jackie Bevan has had numerous dealings with various solicitors for litigation cases and assisted her clients greatly, which ensures her professional development and speciality towards this client group.

Jackie Bevan is a member of the Occupational Therapy in Independent Practice group and is registered with the Health Professions Council.