

Jackie Walsh, Social Worker

Jackie Walsh, BSc, CQSW, is a qualified social worker with 25 years of experience working in Local Authority, Health Department and private sector settings. She has held several managerial positions and worked as a social work consultant to establish a care service for disabled children and young adults.

Much of this experience has been as a case manager dealing with children and young people with complex needs living in their own homes. Jackie Walsh has worked with children and young adults including those with spinal cord injury, acquired brain injury, learning disability and complex health needs including those who are ventilator dependent. She also has experience with working with people on the Autistic Spectrum and those with challenging behaviour.

From 2001 to 2006 Jackie Walsh worked in Central Australia as a Service Manager for Family and Children's Services. As part of her role she worked with young adults who had suffered an acquired brain injury as a result of solvent abuse. She also gained experience of working with disabled children and young people and their families to establish care packages that met their needs. This involved the development and costing of

the package prior to identification of an appropriate care provider. She returned to work in the UK in 2006.

Much of her work has involved extensive liaison with service users, their families and other involved parties. For the past two years Jackie Walsh has been working for a nationally recognised care agency providing specialist care mainly for spinal injured clients. She has more recently been responsible for the establishment and management of the children's service within this company. The company specialises in setting up what are often large individual packages of care for people with complex care needs.

Jackie's primary focus is to work with service users to maximise their life opportunities through the effective use of local resources and specialist support. Part of this involves an awareness of appropriate legislation and policy that can be used to achieve positive outcomes for service users. Jackie Walsh has directly managed teams involving the supervision of staff, the management of HR issues, financial management and professional development issues. Both her management and clinical experience has given her a solid foundation and knowledge of statutory service provision available and

required within the health, social care and education sectors.

Jackie Walsh has experience of working with service users and their families to recruit and train staff. Much of her recent work has been working with other professionals to ensure staff are competent to work with children and young adults with complex health needs including those that are ventilator dependant.

She has extensive experience of working with legal teams and has given evidence in court on many occasions.

Jackie Walsh also lectures on the Social Work Degree course for the Open University and has a special interest in adult learning particularly for those with special needs. She is registered to practice as a social worker with the General Social Care Council.

Jackie Walsh joined Bush & Company in early 2009 as a children and young person's Case Manager. She undertakes work on a single instruction basis as well as on a joint basis via the Code of Rehabilitation Best Practice.