

Jane Hammond-Hawkins, Registered Nurse

Jane qualified as a state registered general nurse in 1982 having undertaken her training at The Royal Free Hospital in London. A bachelor degree of science in Health Care Studies (Nursing) was completed in 1996 and her Master of Science Degree in Health Professional Education achieved in 2002. Jane is committed to continual professional development and has achieved numerous clinical, managerial and educationally based accredited qualifications throughout her extensive career.

This nursing experience can be divided into knowledge of acquired brain injury, acute surgical and managerial work, community and elderly care and education. Jane has worked within the NHS, for independent hospitals and treatment centres and for a number of national companies (undertaking training).

In 1996 Jane's son was involved in a traffic accident and suffered an extensive brain injury. This left him with a left hemiplegia and a raft of recognised symptoms resulting from his acquired brain injury. Jane supported him through initial hospital treatments and residential rehabilitation in a specialist paediatric head injury unit. When he came home, she worked with the SENCO to produce an accurate statement for him.

Jane sourced an appropriate residential college for students with disabilities and enabled her son to become as independent as possible.

Jane now has a good knowledge of the statutory benefits system and entitlements. She has successfully appealed against a decision for Disability Living Allowance. Recently, she helped her son purchase his own care package using the Direct Payments Scheme and he is now living independently, having employed his own care staff.

Jane started her nursing career as a staff nurse on a stroke rehabilitation ward. This was followed by some time working in a renal unit undertaking all aspects of renal care. She then specialised in operating department nursing and worked at the Birmingham Accident Hospital. This was the regional burns and trauma unit and many major complex cases were undertaken. She specialised in theatres and has been an Operating Department Manager within the independent sector.

Her surgical nursing experience also includes being a ward sister in a private hospital, which undertook all varieties of surgery, with predominance in orthopaedics. Recently she was the in-patient manager for an NHS independent treatment centre. She was responsible for all in-patients and had line management of all the ward nurses, radiographers, occupational therapists and physiotherapists.

Jane has worked within the community, managing a nursing, residential and a dual registered sheltered housing scheme. Whilst there she supported people in their own homes and assessed their suitability for each registration. She undertook her National Wardens Certificate issued by the Housing Institute and gained essential knowledge concerning the availability of statutory community support systems.

Jane has extensive teaching experience and is registered as a nurse lecturer with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. She has undertaken several teaching sessions on acquired brain injury for the Children's Brain Injury Trust and local schools. Whilst working for a national training company she updated all their healthcare courses and devised courses such as child protection and safeguarding adults. Her role included assessing trainers and providing CPD opportunities for them.

As a Senior Lecturer in the Critical Care Division at the University of Central Lancashire, Jane was course leader for Advanced Scrub, Scrub and Day Surgery courses and module leader within the ODP Diploma course. This involved writing time-tables and researching and delivering a variety of evidence based teaching sessions. Working within education constantly updates Jane's knowledge and enables her to meet PREP requirements. A Lecturer-Practitioner role at The Yorkshire Clinic involved devising training sessions for three independent hospitals.

This included setting up as an NVQ centre, delivering all mandatory and induction training and supporting open learning courses with the University of York.

Jane is an independent trainer and clinical nurse. She is a consultant manual handling trainer and delivers Train the Trainer courses across the country. She combines her work as an immediate needs assessor and case manager with her training role.