

Joanne Blackwell, Occupational Therapist

Joanne Blackwell is an Occupational Therapist registered with the Health Professions Council. Joanne Trained at St Andrews School of Occupational Therapy at Northampton University and graduated in 2003.

Joanne took up her first post at Heartlands and Solihull NHS Trust as a Junior OT on a medical and orthopaedic rotation. She then moved to Derby to complete her Junior rotation where she undertook Neurology Rehabilitation at Kings Lodge and on the Pulvertaft Hand Therapy out-patients based at the Derby Hospitals NHS Trust, which is now known as the Royal Derby Hospital. Following this Joanne obtained a senior position at the Leicester Royal Infirmary specialising in General and vascular surgery.

Currently Joanne is working as a locum OT and has worked in a variety of settings, including – The Stroke Rehabilitation Unit at the Royal Derby, Neurological and Spinal Surgery at the Queens Medical Centre Nottingham, Adult Community at Park House Health and Social Care Centre Nottingham and The Acute Stroke Unit at Walsall Manor Hospital.

Joanne from her experience as an Occupational Therapist has gained skills in specialist Seating Assessments including Wheelchair Assessments and Neurological Splinting of the upper and lower limb. Joanne has skills in assessing for cognitive and perceptual difficulties and has provided assessments to social services as to care packages required to meet client's needs.

Joanne has assessed and provided clients with equipment appropriate for their needs and provided assessments to social services for major housing adaptations as required. Joanne has worked as a student placement supervisor and has taken students from the Derby School of Occupational Therapy on clinical placement.

Joanne Blackwell is a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists and the specialist section of Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice.