

Jonathan Paulett, Occupational Therapist

Jonathan Paulett is a skilled neuro-rehabilitation Occupational Therapist with a proven ability to undertake highly complex assessments, manage diverse caseloads and work closely with clients their families, and external agencies. He has specialist knowledge and skills relating to the assessment and treatment of disorders of consciousness.

Prior to undertaking training to become an Occupational Therapist, Jonathan was an Activities Worker for the National Schizophrenia Fellowship. In the two years spent in this voluntary role he developed skills in engaging individuals with chronic and enduring mental health problems. This valuable insight into chronic impairment and its impact upon the individual, their family and society resulted in a commitment by Jonathan to qualify as an Occupational Therapist.

Jonathan graduated from St Lyses School of Occupational Therapy in 2001 with an honours degree in Occupational Therapy awarded by Exeter University. Immediately following his qualification, Jonathan worked as Therapy Co-ordinator for the Lee Mill Secure Unit. In this post he further developed skills in community based risk

assessment, and engaging individuals with challenging behaviours.

In 2001 Jonathan began his Occupational Therapy career at Bath Neuro-Rehabilitation Services (BNRS), based out of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath. In this junior post he gained experience in functional assessment, posture management, standardised cognitive assessment and upper limb splinting. He also undertook training and calibration to become an Assessment of Motor and Process Skills rater. He also worked on the Neuro-Rehabilitation Directorate's Moving and Handling Team where he was responsible for the teaching of safe moving and handling principles to care staff and patients' family members.

Following promotion in 2004 Jonathan consolidated his skills in posture management including specialist seating; cognitive rehabilitation; workplace resettlement including employer education / negotiation; re-socialisation; risk assessment using the National Patient Safety Agency guidelines; home adaptation; vehicle adaptation and the assessment and treatment of disorders of consciousness.

Jonathan has experience in the assessment and treatment of disorders of consciousness using the Sensory Modality Assessment and Rehabilitation Technique (SMART); he is currently working toward the Advanced Accreditation, and he is involved in the tools ongoing development.

The successful administration of SMART is reliant on Jonathan's ability to critically analyse complex information generated by his own interventions, those of other clinicians, and the observations of family members. A comprehensive report is then written detailing the suggested diagnosis, the full extent of the individual's capacity to interact with their environment and recommendations for future therapeutic input.

The skills used to administer SMART have translated directly into Jonathan's current role as Case Manager; his caseload is diverse and highly complex.

Jonathan Paulett is a Health Professions Council registered Occupational Therapist, and member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists.