

## Karen Burgin, RGN

Karen Burgin is a Registered General Nurse with over 20 years post qualification experience. She trained at Derby School of Nursing, after which she practised general nursing at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. She then specialised in neurology and neurosurgery at Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham, completing the six months fulltime ENB 148 (Neurological and Neurosurgical Nursing) course in 1986. Following this, she held a variety of nursing positions within acute, postacute rehabilitation and community settings. She was Clinical Nurse Specialist/Clinical Teacher in Nottingham within the Neuroscience's Department for two years.

Between 1992-1998, Karen Burgin headed up the newly established Nottingham Traumatic Brain Injury Team, one of the 12 projects to receive Department of Health funding to establish new models of service delivery to people with brain injury. The Nottingham model was one of case management and the provision of a pathway of services from admission to hospital through to long term community living. The service was successful in winning a major Health Service Journal award in 1998.

The Centre continues to provide case management services to this date.

During this time she has been as active member of BABICM (The British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers) with whom she is an advanced member. More recently she has been accepted as a full member of CMSUK (The Case Management Society of the UK). Karen Burgin is a Trustee of her local Headway group and has taken an active role in supporting and forwarding the aims of organisations such as UKABIF (The UK Acquired Brain Injury Forum) and the Neurological Alliance.

After leaving the NHS in 1998, Karen Burgin has worked for Rehab UK, managing and developing a range of community based services for people with acquired brain injury, including vocational, adolescent and case management services. She has held a variety of positions, including service development manager and most recently Operations Director.

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Since 1992, Karen Burgin has provided a range of immediate needs and long term case management services to over 250 clients. In her role as Case Manager, she has organised and implemented a range of care and support packages to clients with a broad range of catastrophic disabilities, including brain injury, children with cerebral palsy and more recently spinal cord injury. Work has been completed on both a single and joint instruction basis.

Karen Burgin has a particular interest and level of experience in the care management of teenagers with acquired brain injury, particularly in relation to education and behavioural issues. She is currently involved with a project establishing the feasibility for the first brain injury specific school in the UK.



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