

Lis Walker

Vocational Case Manager, North of England

Experience

Lis has over four years experience of providing vocational rehabilitation services to clients with a variety of support needs and disabilities including physical disabilities, learning disabilities, acquired brain injuries, sensory impairments and mental health conditions. She has a BSc (Hons) in Psychology from the University of Liverpool and completed study on neuroscience and neuropsychology. Lis has coordinated and delivered several Welfare to Work programmes for local authorities, private organisations and social enterprises. She has worked with a diverse range of employers to develop policies and procedures to support the recruitment and retention of employees with disabilities. Lis has worked with Headway groups to design and implement a person centred return to work service for clients with acquired brain injuries.

Key Skills

Lis develops professional relationships with clients and their families in order to form accurate representations of their situation and needs. She uses a variety of methods and assessments to achieve this including evaluations of cognitive functioning, identification of transferable skills, vocational profiles and identification of barriers to employment including physical barriers, psychological barriers and behavioural barriers. She creates tailored individual packages of support for clients working closely with their support networks and employers.

Lis develops and delivers training specifically for clients with acquired brain injuries to educate clients about their injury and to prepare them for their return to the workplace.

Expertise

- Working with employers to successfully manage a phased return to work for employees returning to work following sickness absence.
- Supporting clients to identify vocational goals and work towards returning to and maintaining employment following acquired brain injuries.
- Case managing clients with acquired brain injury, physical disabilities, learning disabilities and mental health conditions.
- Member of the Vocational Rehabilitation Association (VRA) and the UK Rehabilitation Council (UKRC).