

Mandy Fairweather, BSc (Hons) MRCSLT

Mandy Fairweather has been practising as a Speech and Language Therapist since 1994. Upon qualifying from Leeds Metropolitan University, she took up a generalist post working with both adults and children with a wide range of communication disorders. Since 1995 most of her clinical experience has been within the field of acquired brain injury in adults.

Mandy spent four years working in the multidisciplinary team at the National Centre for Brain Injury Rehabilitation. She proceeded to the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, where she provided speech and language therapy services for a further five years. Mandy has extensive experience of neuro-behavioural interventions.

In addition to the rehabilitation setting, she has worked in the acute sector, providing speech and language therapy services to a number of NHS hospitals. Her clinical responsibilities were primarily to neurological wards, although she has also worked within the community team, supporting clients in the home setting. Additionally, she has provided outpatient services for clients with acquired neurological deficits including stroke, brain injury and degenerative conditions.

In 2000, Mandy took up a position in the community rehabilitation team, Auckland, New Zealand. This role provided an advisory and training service to brain injury rehabilitation and residential facilities as well as meeting the needs of dysphagic and communication impaired adults in their homes. She has provided external training on brain injury related topics to other services and she continues to promote the needs of brain-injured adults amongst the wider community. Her book chapter on the subject of communication after brain injury was published in 2008. She belongs to the special interest group in head injury, (affiliated to the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists), and the medico-legal special interest group. She adheres to registration standards in her ongoing professional development.

Mandy currently works for the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust providing the speech and language therapy input to one of their Community Reintegration Units. In her independent practice, Mandy treats adults with a range of communication and swallowing disorders, as well as providing formal training to care and rehabilitation establishments. She has prepared reports for Bush and Company since 2004.