

## Mark Pitts, Social Worker

Mark Pitts, DIPSW, DIPHE, CERT MAN, is a qualified Social Worker with twenty five years experience in Local Authority settings. He has a wide experience of working with Children, Young People and Adults with a range of disabilities and impairments.

In 1985 after working as a volunteer in Physical Disability Day Care Mark took up paid employment working in a mental health setting supporting individuals in the transition from long term Hospital stays to Community based living.

In 1989 Mark then moved to work with looked after children and young people as a Residential Social Worker, facilitating contact with families, opportunities to access Education and Employment and moving to independent living.

In 1991 Mark moved to work in a Day Service for Physically disabled Adults, assessing for and providing tailored packages and 1-1 support with Service Users, he engaged with the Local University on a communication project aimed at increasing access to communication aids for very severely disabled Service Users.

In 1994 Mark took a second post as an Unqualified Social Worker providing Community Care assessments and purchasing, reviewing and monitoring packages of care. Mark also worked in

the management team within Day Services at this point.

In 1996 Mark joined the Brain Injury Social Work Team, a specialist team working into Acute, sub-acute in-patient and community based rehabilitation settings. Mark gained his Social Work Qualification in 1999. Mark provided assessment, advice, support, information and ongoing case management to survivors and their families for 10 years, working within multi-disciplinary settings to provide the best holistic rehabilitation outcomes.

In 2005 Mark became Manager of the Brain Injury Team along with three other specialist Social Work hospital and community based teams. He has experience of recruiting, managing, and supervising professionally qualified staff, as well as Budget and Business Unit Management.

Mark is a safeguarding manager experienced in investigation and chairing of case conferences. Mark has experience of working across a wide range of partner organisations to provide best outcomes for service users and their families. In 2010 Mark gained an NVQ 4 in Management. Mark Joined Bush and Company in 2010 and brings a wide range of skills and experience to ensure best outcomes for his clients.