

Andrea Matthews

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

MCS, BSC

**Consultant Occupational Therapist
and Advanced Practitioner of Sensory
Integration**

EDUCATION

- Advanced Practitioner of Sensory Integration (University of Ulster) 2019
- Post-Graduate Certificate in Sensory Integration Practitioner of Sensory Integration (University of Ulster) 2014-2016
- MSc Occupational Therapy (University of Derby) Sept 2009 -2011
- BSc (Hons) Psychology (2:1), (University of Wales, Bangor) 2001 – 2004

PRESENT POSITIONS

Director/Consultant Occupational Therapist, The Neuro Rehab Group (NRG), Jan 2017 – present

Director/Lead Occupational Therapist, Creative NeuroRehab Ltd

February 2014 - present

Case Manager, AJ Case Management, Wolverhampton,

August 2014 – January 2018

Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist, Children's Therapy Solutions, 2015

Occupational Therapist, Headwise Ltd, Birmingham, 2010 - 2014

Assistant Manager, The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, Birmingham, 2007 - 2010

Assistant Psychologist, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust, 2006 - 2007

CARF Compliance Officer & Assistant Psychologist, The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, 2004 - 2006

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- HCPC registered Occupational Therapist – Registration Number OT64575
- British Association of Occupational Therapists (BAOT/COT)
- Professional Member of the Specialist Section for Neurological Practice (SSNP) Sensory Integration Network - Professional Member

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Acquired brain injury and other neurological conditions
- Sensory processing and integration difficulties
- Mental health problems
- Learning difficulties
- Developmental conditions, such as autism, ADHD and dyspraxia.

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TRAINING

- Advanced Practitioner of Sensory Integration, SI4, University of Ulster and Sensory Integration Network (2018 - 2019)
- Sensory Integration and Trauma in Children, Sensory Integration Network (2018)
- Introductory Bobath course – Treatment and Management of Children with Cerebral Palsy (2017)
- Postural Care Training, Symmetrikit (2017)
- Practitioner of Rebound Therapy, Rebound Therapy.org (2017)
- Practitioner of Sensory Integration, Sensory Integration Network Module 2/3 - Assessment & Practice (SIPT Certified) University of Ulster (2016)
- Baby Sense – Assessment and Treatment of Infants with sensory integration problems and disorders of regulation, Sensory Integration Network (2016)
- Assessment and Treatment of Fine Motor Difficulties in Children with Different Developmental Problems, Ncore (2016)
- Occupational Therapy for Children with Handwriting Difficulties, Ncore (2016)
- Practitioner of Rebound Therapy, Rebound Therapy.org (2015)
- Sensory Integration Network Module 1: Foundations and Neuroscience, University of Ulster (2014)
- Approved Wheelchair Assessors Course, Shropshire Wheelchair Service (2012)
- APPLE Practice Placement Educators Course, University of Derby (2012)
- Cognitive Profiling After Brain Injury - Training in the Birmingham Cognitive Screen (BCOS) University of Birmingham (2012)
- Assessment and Outcome Measurement using Northwick Park Dependency Scales Northwick Park (2012)
- The Upper Limb with Abnormal Tone – Preparation for Splinting, Somek (2012)
- Splinting for Abnormal Tone, Somek (2012)
- Splinting for Abnormal Tone – Theory into Practice, Somek (2012)
- Cognition Matters - University of Birmingham (2011)

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Neuro Rehab Group's First Annual Brain Injury Conference, October 2019

Oral presentation titled Brain Injury and Sensory Processing.

Neuro Rehab Group – Learning Week at Sensory Integration Clinic, June 2018

Oral presentations and 1:1 training sessions for families of children with developmental delays. Presentations included Understanding Sensory Integration and Understanding Dyspraxia.

AJ Case Management Study Day, June 2017 - Getting Back to the Grass Roots of Brain Injury Rehabilitation in Brain Injury Case Management.

Oral presentation titled Understanding Sensory Processing Difficulties.

University of Derby, February 2014

Oral presentation for MSc Occupational Therapy cohort titled Collaborative Working in Private Practice.

Connect OT meeting, February 2013

Oral Presentation titled Experiences following graduation.

BAOT/COT Annual Conference 2013 Abstract titled Using Portable Technology during the Rehabilitation Process following Brain Injury

Accepted for poster presentation; unable to attend due to maternity leave.

RAatE (Recent Advances in Technology & Engineering) Conference 2012

Oral Presentation titled Using Portable Technology during the Rehabilitation Process following Brain Injury.

UK Stroke Forum Annual Conference 2012

Poster presentation titled CogWatch – Service User, Carer and Professionals Perspectives on Assistive Technology in Stroke Rehabilitation