

Suzi Kerrell- Vaughan CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

Occupational Therapist
BSC (HONS)

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATIONS

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy 2:1, Queen Margaret University College, 1999

MEMBERSHIPS

- Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC)
- British Association of Occupational Therapists (BAOT)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Neurological Practice (SSNP)

SPECIAL INTERESTS

- Acquired Brain Injury
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Functional Neurological Disorder
- Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness
- Stroke
- Progressive Neurological Conditions
- Polytrauma
- Adults and Young People

PAST & PRESENT POSITIONS

Midlands Lead Occupational Therapist, Neural-Pathways, Community Based Independent Sector Provider, 2018 – present

- Suzi works closely with case managers and solicitors on medicolegal cases, providing goal focused, expert occupational therapy for clients with complex neurological issues. She performs initial assessments including risk assessments, develops, reviews and evaluates treatment plans based on the latest evidence, and manages cases independently. Suzi supports her clients to maximise their fullest potential and return to activities they value whether within the home, community or workplace. Suzi also coordinates staff, offers support and supervision, and provides training to families and care teams. Suzi monitors service quality and customer satisfaction, leading improvements where needed.

Therapy Lead and Lead Occupational Therapist, Badby Park, Neurological Rehabilitation, Elysium, 2015 – 2018

- Suzi provided clinical leadership and led a well-governed interdisciplinary team, managing and supporting the therapy team through appraisals, reflective practice, and team meetings. She handled resource management based on therapy needs and shaped the service according to national guidelines and quality standards. Suzi worked clinically across neuro rehab (including stroke and brain injury), progressive conditions (like Huntington's Disease and dementia), and complex care (covering PDOC, high-level spinal injuries, and locked-in syndrome). She provided safe, evidence-based interventions, including specialist assessments and goal planning. Suzi's advanced skills included managing complex postural needs, fabricating splints for severe spasticity, and developing a new therapy pathway for PDOC in line with best practice guidelines.

Advanced Occupational Therapist, Central England Rehabilitation Unit (CERU), Leamington Spa, NHS, 2004 – 2015

- Suzi ensured appropriate and specialist assessment, treatment, and discharge planning on this busy, national Level 1 neuro-rehab unit.

Senior Occupational Therapist, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust, 2001 – 2004

Occupational Therapist, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital NHS Trust, 1999 – 2001

SPECIALIST SKILLS

- Advanced skills in 24-hour posture and positioning for catastrophically brain and spinal cord injured clients
- Assessment of Motor and Process Skills (AMPS) trained clinician
- Return to Work
- Neurological splinting skills
- Experienced in supporting home adaptations through assessing & recommending environmental adaptations, adaptive equipment and accessible vehicles
- Knowledge of high-and low-tech communication devices, including environmental controls and switch use
- Trained to use and evaluate the CRS-R (Coma Recovery Scale- Revised) assessment for patients in PDOC
- Extensive experience of working in complex neurodisability with clients with cognitive, behavioural and perceptual difficulties

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TRAINING

- Vocational Rehabilitation for Practitioners (Oct 2024)
- Major Adaptations in Occupational Therapy, Access Independent
- Upper Limb treatment for the neurological patient, OCE
- Assessment of Motor and Process Skills (AMPS)
- Posture Management for Complex Disability, OCE
- Cognitive Rehabilitation workshops, Braintree
- Managing Behaviours that Challenge, RHN
- MDT approach to the assessment and management of Huntingtons Disease, RHN
- JFK Coma Recovery Scale-Revised training day
- End of Life in PDOC
- Supporting Families of those in PDOC
- PTSD training day
- Mental Health First Aid training
- Bowel, Bladder and Sexual issues MASCIIP conference