



ROBYN BRYANT

CAREER SUMMARY

I am a registered occupational therapist with over 30 years' clinical experience in both the public and private sectors. I am Clinical Director of The OT Trainers, a company which provides specialist therapy and manual handling solutions. In relation to manual handling, I am a certified manual handling risk assessor and trainer, having completed the People Handling & Risk Assessment Key Trainer's Certificate through Edge Services in 2016. I undertake a thorough manual handling risk assessment of the client to identify areas of risk to both the client and those providing care. Bespoke training is then provided to care staff and any family members involved in moving the client. I am committed to providing training which will lead to a positive outcome in the way that people are moved and handled within their own homes and other settings. I provide a bespoke written personal handling profile which includes photographs for all individual clients. I am able to deliver bespoke manual handling training packages and advisory services for organisations.

I believe that the key to providing quality and realistic solutions to an individual's specific needs lies in the assessment and problem solving skills of the therapist. I have worked with a wide variety of conditions including amputees, complex orthopaedic conditions and neurological disorders. I have worked for the past 13 years as an independent occupational therapist and as an expert witness in personal injury cases. With a wealth of knowledge and skills, plus extensive experience working with adults with a wide range of complex disabilities, I am able to carry out an accurate assessment of the client's needs.

I am passionate about identifying practical solutions to meet the clients' unique disability needs. I have spent my career working with people and their carers to enable them to remain living within their own homes. My background of assessment, recommendation of specialist equipment, housing adaptations and manual handling within both hospital and community settings has provided a strong foundation for the work I currently undertake.

I am registered with the DBS update service.

SKILLS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Qualified manual handling advisor and trainer.
- High level of knowledge and experience in working with a wide range of physical disabilities and the impact these have on function and independence, particularly those with complex needs.
- Experience in the assessment and prescription of specialist equipment for manual handling and equipment to aid independence in the home and community.
- Experience in recommending housing adaptations to meet access needs of individuals with disabilities.
- Articulate and confident, with the ability to impart knowledge and training in a competent and effective manner.

- Wide and up-to-date knowledge of specialist equipment available.
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EXPERIENCE

THE OT TRAINERS, CLINICAL DIRECTOR

2017 to current day. The OT Trainers is a limited company insured with Balens specialist insurance brokers.

PRIVATE PRACTICE, BRYANT CONSULTANCY

2005 to current day

I have been working in private practice since 2005, providing occupational therapy assessment of adults with physical disabilities. I provide assessment of personal care, manual handling risk assessments and equipment recommendation. I assess the care needs of clients and offer recommendations on housing needs.

2008 - 2012 Independent Occupational Therapist for Access Independent Ltd.

2005 - 2007 Independent Occupational Therapist for Dependability Assessment and Consultancy Services. Within both these roles I provided assessment of the care, equipment and housing needs for adults with a wide range of physical disabilities.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXPERT WITNESS, JACQUELINE WEBB & CO

April 2004 to current day

Responsible for preparing rehabilitation and care expert witness reports to the courts with a particular specialism in complex adult disability.

WITHIN SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH

- 2004 – 2005 Housing Occupational Therapist, Enfield Social Services
- 2002 - 2004 Senior Occupational Therapist, Newham Social Services
- 2000-2002: 2000-2002 Occupational Therapy Expert Witness and Senior Occupational Therapist, Prudence Consulting, NSW, Australia and Community Health, NSW, Australia
- 1998-1999: 1998-1999 Occupational Therapy Manager, Dependability Assessment and Consultancy Services
- 1995-1998: 1995-1998 Occupational Therapist, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- 1987-1995 Occupational Therapist (hospital) and Community Occupational Therapist, Wellington Hospital and Community Health (New Zealand)

QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- DipOT, Central Institute of Technology, New Zealand (1986).
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Independent Practice (RCOTSS-IP).
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists.
- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).
- Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate (2016).
- People Handling & Risk Assessment Key Trainer's Certificate (2016).
- Member of the National Back Exchange.