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Profile

I am a highly skilled and experienced speech and language therapist with 19 years of post-qualification experience. My clinical practice and expertise are based in communication and swallowing impairments resulting from a wide range of neurological, medical, developmental, and mental health disorders.

I bring a wealth of experience in managing paediatric, adolescent, and adult cases, and I hold specific expertise in the field of traumatic brain injury.

I have worked extensively in a diverse range of healthcare settings, including major trauma hospitals, acute hospitals, schools, colleges, outpatient services, and community-based rehabilitation.

In recognition of my expertise, I have attained the highest level of competence within the framework of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) and have served as a Consultant Dysphagia Practitioner (Level D) since 2015.

Driven by my passion, positivity, and dedication to clinical excellence, I have made significant strides in my professional journey. I have had the privilege of lecturing at universities and collaborating with highly renowned medical and healthcare professionals.

As an established expert witness, I have conducted numerous speech and language therapy expert assessments and produced comprehensive and detailed expert witness reports since 2016. My practice is grounded in meticulous, evidence-based assessments, ensuring that every report aligns rigorously with CPR Part 35 requirements. Demonstrating a strong commitment to excellence and precision, I

consistently deliver an average of fifty reports per year and am instructed by reputable law firms specialising in catastrophic personal injury and clinical negligence.

My assessments provide an in-depth analysis of speech, language, communication, and swallowing disorders resulting from accidents, injuries, or medical conditions. Designed to support legal proceedings, my reports are instrumental in illustrating the impact of these disorders on an individual's daily life and future needs. I employ a holistic approach, addressing the physical, psychological, and social aspects of communication and swallowing difficulties. My evaluations utilise the latest evidence-based practices and tools to ensure accurate diagnoses and prognoses, providing valuable insights for legal cases and contributing to fair and informed outcomes.

Currently, my instructions are divided among claimant, defendant, and jointly instructed cases, with a distribution of 60%, 20%, and 20% respectively.

I am fully conversant in my duties and obligations as an expert witness and undertake regular professional development and training to maintain this knowledge, as well as ensuring I am fully up to date with the latest clinical research, evidence, and techniques.

I dedicate half of my professional time to clinical practice. This balance allows me to directly apply current evidence-based practices directly to patient care, enhancing the precision and relevance of my skills. By engaging in ongoing clinical work, I can draw upon invaluable real-world experiences which enrich my assessments, recommendations, and any expert opinions I provide. This commitment to maintaining a substantial portion of my work in clinical settings is fundamental to my approach, enabling me to deliver insights that are not only theoretically robust, but also practically applicable to a range of cases and clients.

Specialisms

- Traumatic and acquired brain injury.
- Cerebral Palsy.
- Low arousal states/disorders of consciousness
- Cognitive and communication difficulties.
- Stroke and long-term neurological disability.
- Dysphagia.
- Tracheostomy.
- Mental health.
- Neurobehavioral disorders.
- Autism.
- Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC).

Qualifications and Membership

- BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy (2005).
- Connect: Groups Work.
- Connect: The Good Goal Setting Guide.
- Dysphagia Training.
- FEES Training.
- Tracheostomy Training.
- Mental Health & Mental Capacity Act Training.
- Managing Violence and Aggression Training.

Career History

Consultant Speech and Language Therapist and Expert Witness (2009 to present)

Speech Tools Therapy Limited
Dhadda and Associates Limited

Independent Consultant Speech and Language Therapist (2019 to present)

The Laurels Brain Injury Service, Christchurch

Independent Consultant Speech and Language Therapist (2018 to present)

St. Neots Hospital, Elysium

Independent Consultant Speech and Language Therapist (2017 to present)

Pathfinders Complex Care Centre

Independent Consultant Speech and Language Therapist (2010 to present)

The Priory, Burton Park Brain Injury Service

Expert Witness and Rehabilitation Cost Consultant (2016-2020)

Jacqueline Webb

Independent Clinical Specialist Speech and Language Therapist (2013 to 2017)

Nottingham Brain Injury Rehabilitation and Neurological Care Centre, Hucknall

Independent Speech and Language Therapist (2009 to 2014)

CityCare, Nottingham

Independent Speech and Language Therapist (2008 to 2009)

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust

Locum Speech and Language Therapist (2008 to 2009)

Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust

Specialist Speech and Language Therapist: Band 6 (2007 to 2008)

County Durham Primary Care Trust

Speech and Language Therapist (2007 to 2008)

Neural Pathways (UK) Limited

Junior Speech and Language Therapist (2005 to 2007)

Blackheath Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre and Neuro-Disability Service

