

Case Management Experience

Kirstie is an occupational therapist with over a decade of experience spanning health, social care and educational settings. She specialises in Paediatrics and has led the assessment and treatment of children with a diverse variety of complex physical, developmental, cognitive, socioemotional and sensory impairments arising from both congenital and acquired clinical conditions. This includes degenerative and palliative diseases, brain injury, cerebral palsy, neurological conditions, genetic disorders, learning disabilities, orthopaedic and musculoskeletal injuries. Kirstie also has experience coordinating community care for adults with mental health conditions. She brings expertise in specialist equipment, moving and handling and complex structural adaptions. Kirstie is also experienced in working with Looked After Children and has attended and contributed to several Child Protection Conferences. Kirstie has been completing Expert Witness reports for Harrison Associates since 2022. She is fully trained in the Civil Procedure Rules, including relevant revisions as they arise, and is committed to furthering her professional development through an array of trainings and activities.

Qualifications

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Specialisms

- Brain Injury
- Neurological Conditions
- Orthopaedics
- Learning Disabilities
- Specialist Equipment
- Moving & Handling
- Home Adaptions
- Seating & Posture Management
- Palliative Care

Career History

Various Local Authority Settings Senior Occupational Therapist

- Obtained extensive experience in specialist paediatric equipment provision, moving & handling procedures and complex structural adaptions, including reading architectural plans.
- Oversee design elements of Disabled Facilities Grant schemes.
- Conduct assessments and provide supportive functional seating systems for children in home and at school.
- Implemented moving & handling assessments and reviews to minimise risk to children, families and carers and improve patient outcomes providing demonstrations and education to families.
- Complete regular in-progress evaluations to determine intervention success and identify and implement areas for improvement.

Plymouth Child Development Centre & Derriford General Hospital Occupational Therapist (Paediatrics)

2013 - 2014

 Led the assessment and treatment of children with a broad range of conditions, including facilitating discharges.

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2014 - Present



Career History Continued

- Delivered and analysed standardised assessments, devised and implemented creative programmes to support children's' development skills and their function in daily activities such as eating, dressing and writing.
- Ran assessment clinics for children with developmental disorders and Cerebral Palsy.
- Provided advice on specialist equipment for school and homes.

Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust Community Mental Health Professional

2012 - 2013

- Care co-ordinated a complex caseload of adults presenting with diverse mental health and social care needs, who were unable to engage fully with more traditional services.
- Utilised specialist and generic skills to devise and implement interventions to enhance engagement with services.
- Supported service users and carers to obtain the treatment that promoted health and wellbeing.
- Developed holistic care plans in line with the Care Plan Approach to include support with housing, employment, finances and physical health needs.

Memberships

Ages Covered

Paediatrics

- Health & Care Professions Council
- Royal College of Occupational Therapist Specialist Section -Independent Practice

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