

# CATHERINE WILLSON

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Catherine is an occupational therapist with over three decades of experience assessing and treating adults and children with a diverse range of conditions across clinical, community and private sector settings. Catherine obtained her Master's in Disability Studies in 2006, during which her research focused on disabled children and their families. In 2013, Catherine obtained her PhD, conducting research on the experience of disabled mothers in Italy. She subsequently presented her findings to international audiences and published her research in the international peer-reviewed journal, Disability and Rehabilitation. She is a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists, the Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section for Children & Young People and is registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

Catherine has experience of working with adults and children with a broad range of injuries and conditions, including cerebral palsy, Erb's palsy, sensory impairments, traumatic brain injuries, amputations and orthopaedic injuries. She has worked with clients throughout the UK and in Europe and America.

## **Independent Occupational Therapist/Case Manager**

**2004 - Present**

Catherine has been involved in case management and expert witness work since 2004 and has experience with adult and paediatric clients with a range of conditions including cerebral palsy, traumatic and acquired brain injuries, amputees, spinal injuries and clients with brachial plexus injuries. Part of her role involved leading the coordination and implementation of complex care packages including clients requiring 24 hour care.

**The Parent Partnership Service****Parent Partnership Officer****2005 - 2007**

In this role Catherine held strategic and operational management responsibility for an independent service for a local education authority regarding disabled children, young people and their families.

**University of Derby & Nottingham University****Senior Lecturer****2002 - 2010**

Catherine lectured on occupational therapy and Childhood Studies courses at the University of Derby and taught on the undergraduate physiotherapy course at Nottingham University where she supported the development of an e-learning tool for the paediatric module.

**Various Hospitals, Trusts and Community Settings in Leicestershire****Senior Occupational Therapist; Acting Head OT****1994 - 2002****Basic Grade Occupational Therapist****1992 - 1994**

Catherine gained a broad range of experience within NHS settings, working with both adults and children. She worked in community hospitals, on the wards and in a day hospital, and in schools and community based settings.