



Nichola Sweeney

BSc, BSc(Hons), PGDip(OT)

Case Manager

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Nichola is a registered occupational therapist (OT) who qualified in 2016. Since then, she has gained clinical experience working within the NHS, community rehabilitation and social services.

Nichola began her career at St George's University Hospital in care of the elderly, oncology, acute neurology, neuro rehabilitation and community neurology, developing essential clinical skills and expertise in complex discharge planning. Here Nichola developed a passion for neurology and specialised as a senior OT across Wandsworth and Merton's Community Neuro Teams. She managed a complex and varied caseload of clients with neurological conditions including traumatic brain injury, stroke, spinal injury, neuro oncology, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease and complex polytrauma, enabling them to remain at home and maximising their quality of life.

In 2021, Nichola moved to a position in the complex team within Hammersmith and Fulham council, assessing for and recommending major and minor housing adaptations, assistive technology, equipment to promote function and enable access to essential facilities in the local community and supporting residents to apply for rehousing. Her clinical caseload comprised people who had a range of neurological, psychological, emotional, behavioural and social problems and age-related conditions. Nichola developed her knowledge of key legislation, skills in working with people with reduced mental capacity and undertaking continuing health care and health needs assessments.

Nichola really enjoys working with clients, and their families, to optimise their quality of life.

Nichola maintains her professional registration as an OT and undertakes continuing professional development by attending conferences, training and regular clinical supervision.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE (CHILDREN AND ADULTS)

- Brain injury
- Spinal injury
- Neuro rehabilitation
- Amputations
- Orthopaedic injuries
- Major and polytrauma
- Progressive neurological conditions
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Psychological conditions including trauma

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
- British Association of Brain Injury and Complex Case Management (BABICM)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post Graduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy, Southbank University
- Bachelor of Science -Health Science and Physiology, Ireland
- Bachelor of Science (Hons) – Public Health and Health Promotion, Ireland