



Carolyn Bodiam

BA(Hons) DipRCOT
Case Manager

Personal Statement

Carolyn is an occupational therapist (OT) with extensive clinical experience spanning the NHS, social services and private practice, and over 14 years case management experience in the medico-legal sector.

Qualifying as an OT in 1992, Carolyn commenced her career working in NHS learning disability and neurorehabilitation, progressing to senior and head of OT neurorehabilitation roles. She was responsible for managing a team of OTs as well as treating inpatients. Carolyn then worked for six years as an OT for Surrey County Council where she developed expertise in community-based therapy interventions and major housing adaptations. Carolyn subsequently worked in private practice supporting adults following neurological events such as acquired brain injury, undertaking assessments and providing treatment programmes.

A case manager since 2012, Carolyn specialises in complex and catastrophic injuries. She is experienced in working with clients who are deemed to lack capacity under the Mental Health Act, and in arranging and contributing to Best Interest Decisions. Carolyn completes immediate needs assessments, coordinates rehabilitation programmes, assesses and manages risk, establishes and manages comprehensive care packages, liaises with multi-professional teams and works closely with clients and family members to assist individuals to achieve their goals.

Carolyn has also held case management managerial roles including supervising and training new case managers. In addition, she prepares litigation reports as an independent care and OT expert witness, accepting instructions from both claimant and defendant representatives.

Demonstrating a commitment to lifelong learning, Carolyn undertakes regular continuing professional development through networking with colleagues, membership of charities including Headway and Silver Lining, and undertaking relevant training courses, webinars and attending conferences. Carolyn undertakes regular refresher training in the revised Civil Procedure Rules.

Areas of Expertise (Adults)

- Brain injuries
- Spinal cord injuries
- Neurological rehabilitation
- Disorders of consciousness
- Functional neurological disorders
- Other neurological conditions including stroke and progressive disorders
- Major and polytrauma, including complex orthopaedic injuries
- Post-traumatic stress

Professional Registration and Memberships

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- British Association of Brain Injury and Complex Case Management (BABICM)

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts in Music, University of Reading
- Diploma of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists, Essex School of Occupational Therapy