

Independence Found Ltd

Enhancing Participation and Potential

Suzi Kerrell-Vaughan BSc (Hons), MRCOT Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist

Professional Qualification:	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy 1999 Queen Margaret University College
Clinical specialities:	Polytrauma, Acquired Brain Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury, Functional Neurological Disorder, Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness, Stroke, Adults and young people, Return to Work and Huntington's Disease
Locations covered:	Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Leicestershire and surrounding areas in person.

Professional Summary

Suzi qualified as an occupational therapist at Queen Margaret University College in 1999. She has worked extensively within the NHS and private sector, working with patients with complex neurological conditions including Acquired Brain Injury, Functional Neurological Disorder, Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness, Stroke and Huntington's Disease. She can provide occupational therapy at all stages of rehabilitation including working with those in low conscious states through to community rehabilitation. She uses a range of standardised tools to support her work and carries a caseload of mixed complexities.

Skills Highlights

- **Extensive Neuro-Rehab Experience:** Suzi has extensive experience working with clients with complex neurodisabilities, including those with physical, cognitive, and perceptual challenges. Suzi has a strong track record in designing and executing comprehensive neurorehabilitation programs in community and residential settings.
- **Certified in AMPS:** Suzi is trained and highly skilled in the Assessment of Motor and Process Skills (AMPS), facilitating thorough evaluations of client capabilities.
- **Environmental and Accessibility Recommendations:** Experienced in assessing clients' living environments, Suzi provides recommendations for home adaptations, adaptive equipment, and accessible vehicles.
- **Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness:** Suzi brings extensive experience in supporting clients with Locked-in Syndrome or Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness (PDOC).
- **Trained in CRS-R for PDOC:** Suzi is trained in administering and interpreting the Coma Recovery Scale-Revised (CRS-R) for clients in PDOC.
- **Advanced Posture and Positioning Skills:** Suzi has vast skills and experience in providing 24-hour posture management and positioning plans for clients with severe brain and spinal cord injuries.

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- **Communication Devices and Assistive Tech Use:** Suzi is well-versed in both high and low-tech communication devices, including environmental controls and switch-based systems.
- **Outcome Measurement Proficiency:** Suzi is proficient with a range of outcome measures, including UKROC, FIM/FAM scoring, and SMART and GAS goal-setting for evaluating treatment efficacy.
- **Neurological Splinting and Tone Management:** Suzi collaborates with multidisciplinary teams to manage abnormal tone through advanced neurological splinting techniques, including serial splinting alongside botulinum toxin protocols.

Professional Experience

Suzi joined Independence Found in 2024 as an Associate Occupational Therapist.

Her previous roles include:

- Lead OT for Neural Pathways, Midlands
- Lead OT for Badby Park Neuro-Rehab, Elysium
- Band 7 OT for Central England Rehabilitation Unit

Professional Membership

- Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC) Registration Number OT30166
- British Association of Occupational Therapists (BAOT)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists

Continuing Professional Development

- Major Adaptations in Occupational Therapy, Access Independent
- Upper Limb treatment for the neurological patient, OCE
- Assessment of Motor and Process Skills (AMPS)
- Posture Management for Complex Disability, OCE
- Cognitive Rehabilitation workshops, Braintree
- Managing Behaviours that Challenge, RHN
- MDT approach to the assessment and management of Huntingtons Disease, RHN
- JFK Coma Recovery Scale-Revised training day
- End of Life in PDOC
- Supporting Families of those in PDOC
- PTSD training day
- Mental Health First Aid training
- Bowel, Bladder and Sexual issues MASCIP conference
- Vocational Rehabilitation for Practitioners

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