

## Curriculum Vitae

### Veronika Thompson

#### Summary

Veronika joined StanleySmith Case Management in March 2019. She contributes to Case Management within both adult and children's caseloads and works to maximise clients' quality of life. Promoting participation in meaningful activities, whilst overseeing rehabilitation. Co-ordinating the team providing therapies, support and care, she is conscientious in monitoring client centred goals, safety and wellbeing.

A conscientious, holistic and driven member of the multi-disciplinary team, Veronika has worked as an Occupational Therapist (OT) for over 17 years. She has worked across the south west of England and in Australia.

With varied and current experience across health and social care within the statutory sector Veronika has a broad knowledge base of the impact, rehabilitation and management of conditions during acute and long-term phases. She works with all parties to advise and co-ordinate the provision of care and multi-disciplinary needs. As a well-respected member of the team, she has regularly contributed to the education, support and supervision of staff across different roles. Veronika is experienced in mitigating risk, crisis support and is an active advocate for client-centred intervention. Since October 2019, Veronika has provided independent Occupational Therapy assessments for housing adaptations. These overcome environmental barriers to disability and enhance rehabilitation goals.

#### Specific Experience

Adults and older people with complex disability, multi-pathology, trauma, orthopaedic, neurological, palliative conditions and manual handling.

#### Qualifications

- ▶ BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, University of Southampton (2002)

#### Professional membership and registration

- ▶ Royal College of Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- ▶ Case Management Society UK (CMSUK)

#### Current employment

Occupational Therapist, Band 6 (Part time)

March 2008- Present

Acting Band 7 (7.5hrs/week), Team Leadership

April 2019- April 2020

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

Specialist experience: Intermediate Care and Community

Crisis intervention and rehabilitation working with adults and older people with acute illness, palliative care, complex disabilities, multi-pathologies, traumas. Managing cases to facilitate timely discharge from hospital, preventing unnecessary admissions to hospital, recommending care packages and respite placements. Providing holistic OT assessment and interventions to rehabilitate or manage physical, cognitive, emotional, social and environmental needs. Equipment adaptations and moving & handling assessments. Report-writing to justify funding applications. Creative problem-solving at times of limited resources such as unavailability of care. Clinical education and supervision of staff and students. Leadership, service improvements and extended practice of OT including vital signs. Recruitment/selection to expand the multi-disciplinary team, chairing weekly multi-disciplinary team meetings.

## **Work History**

Occupational Therapist, Grade OT01-02

January 2007- March 2008

Swindon Borough Council. Specialist experience: Social Services, community.

Senior II Occupational Therapist (Locum)

November 2006- January 2007

South Gloucestershire Intermediate Care Team. Specialist experience: Community Rehabilitation and Rapid Intervention.

June 2006- October 2006

Southmead Hospital, Bristol. Specialist experience: Elective pre-operative clinic and inpatient orthopaedics.

Locum Occupational Therapist in Australia and worldwide travel

June 2005-May 2006

Grade 1 Occupational Therapist (Temporary)

January 2006-February 2006

Dorset Rehabilitation Centre, Melbourne, Australia. Specialist experience: General and neurological inpatient rehabilitation.

Grade 1 Occupational Therapist (Temporary)

August 2005- October 2005

Wingham Health Campus Assessment and Rehabilitation, New South Wales, Australia.

Specialist experience: General and neurological inpatient rehabilitation.

Basic Grade and Senior II Occupational Therapist, England

August 2002-June 2005

Swindon Primary Care Trust. 6 monthly rotations across inpatient orthopaedic, surgical, medical, rehabilitation wards; community rehabilitation and outpatient hand therapy.

## **Training / CPD within the last 2 years**

- ▶ Stokes Annual Case Management Conference 2020
- ▶ Leadership and Management course (leading to ILM Level 3) June-Oct 2019
- ▶ CMSUK Study Day to explore the fundamentals of Case Management 2019
- ▶ Continuous self-directed informal and formal professional development through relevant teaching, individual and peer supervision, attendance at workshops and conferences
- ▶ Annual and mandatory training updates including Safeguarding, Basic Life Support and Advanced Manual Handling.