



# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**OF**

**CATHERINE JOHNSON**

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## RELEVANT EDUCATION

- 1)     1972-1975     Teeside Polytechnic, Middlesbrough
- 2)     1977             Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham

## QUALIFICATIONS

- 1975**    B.Sc.(Hons) Social Studies & Social Administration
- 1977**    Diploma in Applied Social Studies
- 1977**    Certificate Qualification in Social Work

## PROFILE

An experienced manager, administrator, social worker, communicator, lecturer, charity fund raiser, and leader who has developed a specialist expertise in the development of services and facilities for the disabled particularly those who have acquired brain injury. Has worked with charitable (grant making) trusts, the media, national and international charities, local and health authorities and the European Union. Has run, chaired, and spoken at numerous national and international scientific conferences. Has the motivation, drive, intuition, creativity, stamina, diplomacy and leadership skills to accomplish tasks both independently and as part of a team.

## CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Director of Rehab Without Walls
- Expert Witness
- Co-opted to NICE committee for development of guidelines for rehabilitation of traumatic injuries
- Member of the Active Care Group ABI steering group

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **From 1995 to Date**

#### **Director, Rehab Without Walls**

Providing case management and case management supervision, expert reports, and consultancy since 1995. Assessing and developing treatment and care plans for individuals who are severely disabled as a result of acquired brain injury. Providing written treatment plans for medico-legal use. Working closely with disabled people, their families, lawyers, doctors and other support staff.

Training new case managers and developing protocols for case management. Supervising and managing a team of case managers. Educating lawyers, health and social service staff and volunteers in the problems of disability, brain injury and the delivery of quality services.

## **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**

### **2007 – 2010**

#### **Chair BABICM (British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers – now known as British Association of Brain Injury & Complex Case Management – BABICCM)**

Responsible for the day to day running of BABICCM, developing a Code of Ethics for case managers with CMSUK and developing competencies for case managers.

### **Nov 1994 - October 1995**

#### **Independent Case Manager; Comprehensive Case Management.**

### **Jun 1992 - Nov 1994:**

#### **Deputy Director, Kemsley Unit, St. Andrews Hospital, Northampton.**

Responsible for the growth and development of the Unit. Doubled the capacity of its service in two years. Directly responsible for completing the business plan, setting and running the annual budget, publicity and marketing, staff training and development, managing operational services to the Unit, liaison with outside agencies, and the development of case management.

Accountable to a Board of Directors and Board of Governors who required regular written and verbal reports.

Established International Brain Injury Advisory Board.

### **Oct 1992 - Nov 1994**

#### **Executive Director, Oakwood Cheshire Home, Stockport.**

A joint venture between the Leonard Cheshire Foundation and St. Andrew's Hospital. Responsible to Joint Venture Board for all aspects of Oakwood's functioning.

### **Mar 1990 - Jun 1992**

#### **Deputy Director, ScotCare Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit**

Responsible to the Unit Director and the Chief Executive of ScotCare Nursing Homes Limited. Responsible for setting up the service from scratch, directing day to day clinical operations and marketing. Managed a multidisciplinary team of doctors, therapists, nurses, secretaries and domestic staff.

**Mar 1988 - Mar 1990**

**Assistant District Officer (Health), Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.**

Responsible for managing hospital social work services, as well as social workers in The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice and the Epilepsy Association. Developed services for the disabled and terminally ill, AIDS counselling service and provided the local response to Piper Alpha.

**Apr 1984 - Mar 1988**

**Senior Social Worker, Institute of Neurological Sciences, Glasgow.**

Responsible for providing social work service to individuals with full range of neurosurgical and neurological disorders. Supervised 3 staff within the Unit and worked as part of the multi-disciplinary team.

**Oct 1982 - Apr 1984**

**Senior Family Caseworker in Barnardo's Family Social Work Project, Glasgow and member of Thorntoun List G School's management team.**

Supervised social work staff, supported families of children resident in the school.

**July 1979 - Oct 1982**

**Employed by Durham Social Services Department.**

Initially as a generic social worker and for the last two years as a senior caseworker responsible for services for people with mental disorders and learning disabilities, developing community services and child abuse investigations.

**Jan 1978 - July 1979**

**Social Worker in Newcastle-upon-Tyne Social Services Department**

Generic social worker but ran two groups for the rehabilitation of patients who had been discharged from the local psychiatric hospital.

## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**1986** Awarded the Ann Cummins Memorial Scholarship from the Social Workers' Educational Trust to study Brain Injury Rehabilitation.

## **COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES**

- \* Headway (National Head Injuries Association) national management committee from 1987-1992
- \* Scottish Society for Rehabilitation committee member 1990-1992
- \* Chaired national working party looking into standards for brain injury rehabilitation.
- \* Represented U.K. on the National Advisory Committee for the Committee for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities in the U.S.A.

- \* Treasurer of the British Association of Brain Injury & Complex Case Management (BABICCM) **(1996 – 1999)**
- \* Member of the BABICCM National Council 2014 - 2020

## **VOLUNTARY WORK**

- 1) Secretary to Headway (West of Scotland) from 1984-1990, established 7 Headway groups in Scotland.
- 2) Trustee, joint founder, chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, and of the Clinical Committee of HITS (Head Injuries Trust for Scotland).
- 3) Life Member of the Headway National Head Injuries Association.
- 4) Editor of BABICCM quarterly newsletter from 2006 - 2012.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

EUROPEAN BRAIN INJURY SOCIETY (elected member)

CASE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF BRAIN INJURY & COMPLEX CASE MANAGEMENT

CASE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY OF U.K.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE (Fellow)

## **PAPERS**

How to choose and monitor an organisation providing services for the individual with brain injury. *Personal Injury*, 3(2), 99-111, 1996

**1997**

Families as Receivers - **with Denzil Lush**

**July 1997**

Receivership for People with Acquired Brain Injury

**2002**

Developing Expertise as a Case Manager

**Published 2006**

Rehabilitation, Case Management & Community Reintegration  
Good Practice in Brain Injury Case Management – Editor Jackie Parker

**2014**

Brain Injury Case Management & Rehabilitation in the UK