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CARE AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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General medicine/surgery, trauma, orthopaedics & general rehabilitation.	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Adult physical disability, general medicine,
Associate Clinical Case Manager/Private Occupational Therapist	Jennifer Jenkins	Band 7 Occupational Therapist, Universit
General medicine and surgery, mental health, orthopaedics/trauma, amputation.	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Adult general medicine & surgery, orthop:
Independent Occupational Therapist and Expert Witness, Tribunal Panel Member	Louise Martinez	Associate Occupational Therapist, Private
Orthopaedics including amputation and spinal cord injury, general medicine/surgery.	BSc Occupational Therapy	Elderly care, general medicine/surgery, sto
Therapy Team Lead, NHS	Joan McGovern	Associate Case Manager, Private
Trauma, orthopaedics, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, sensory loss, elderly and palliative care.	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Neurodisability, stroke, elderly care, rheum
Prosthetic Occupational Therapist, NHS Upper and lower limb amputation (adults and paediatrics), prosthetics, orthopaedics, trauma.	Zoe Portella-de-Selincourt BSc Occupational Therapy, PG Dip Advanced Occupational Therapy	Occupational Therapist, NHS Orthopaedics, general medicine, rehabilita
Occupational Therapist and Case Manager, NHS & Private	Sarah Rundle	Independent Neuro Occupational Therap
Physical disabilities, trauma, orthopaedics, brain injury and rehabilitation.	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Spinal cord injury, neurological and trauma
Occupational Therapist, Private Practice Wheelchair specialist, orthopaedics and spinal injuries.	Elizabeth Sigmund BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, DipCOT	Specialist Rehabilitation Occupational Th Elderly care, general medicine, bladder and
Occupational Therapist, NHS Elderly Care, Palliative Care, Dementia, Respiratory & Orthopaedic Conditions.		

ORTHOPAEDICS & AMPUTEES

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BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Beth Cordrey

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy. PG Cert Occupational Therapy

Sandra Exon

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Claire Forsyth

MSc Occupational Therapy, BSc Psychology

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MSc Professional Studies, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

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Alison House

DipCOT



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sity Health Board

opaedics, care of the elderly, including amputees.

vate Practice: Associate Trainer, Somek and Associates Ltd stoma/ileostomy, neurology, orthopaedics.

umatology, respiratory conditions, orthopaedics.

litation, palliative care, dementia & elderly care.

rapist, Self-employed

matic brain injury, poly trauma, lower limb amputee.

Therapist, Occupational Therapy Assessor, Private Practice. and bowel care (including stoma), orthopaedics, hands.

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Amy Speight BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Occupational Therapy Advanced Practitioner, Band 7, NHS Trust; Independent Occupational Therapist Trauma and orthopaedics, lower limb amputation, general medicine and surgery. Occupational Therapist, PACE Rehabilitation; Head of Medico-legal Operations, Somek	Elisabeth Rose MSc Hand Therapy, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Occupational Therapist - Hand Adult and paediatric upper limb	
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Clare Waggett DipCOT	Higher Education Lecturer Health and Social Care, University College General Medicine, Surgery, Trauma, Renal Care, Orthopaedics, & Complex Needs	MSc Module in Injection Therapy for the Upper Limb, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapys	Hand therapy and upper limb in	
UPPER LIMB, HAND INJURI	ES & BURNS			
Lindsey Hadfield	Clinical Specialist Hand Therapist, Circle Health Group	CHRONIC PAIN		
BSc Occupational Therapy, PG Cert Hand Therapy	Paediatric & Adult Hand & Upper Limb Conditions, Adult Orthopaedics & Rheumatology.	Barbara Franks BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Managing Director - Advanced Quality Assurance & Training Le Private Practice	
Nicola Lawson	Clinical Director and Independent Occupational Therapist, The Rehab Team - Private Practice		Neurological conditions, COPD,	
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Trauma, orthopaedics, rheumatology, hand therapy, burns/plastics & amputees.	NEUROLOGY & SPINAL CORD INJURY		
		Jenna Beattie	Occupational Therapist (Band 7	
Fiona Powell	Senior Occupational Therapist, Band 7, Hand Rehabilitation Unit, NHS	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Neurological conditions includin	
MSc Hand Therapy, BSc (Hons)	Trauma and orthopaedics, specialising in upper limb/hand injuries.			
Occupational Therapy		Tanya de Beer	Independent Occupational The Neurological conditions and bra	
Julie Reid	Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist, Band 7, NHS Associate Trainer, Private training provider	MSc Advanced Occupational Therapy, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	ineurological conditions and bra	
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Dip Hand Therapy, PG Cert Burns	Hand therapy, burns, scar management, skin camouflage, splinting.	Carolyn Bodiam	Case Manager, Case Manageme	
		DipCOT	Traumatic Brain Injuries, Major T	



d Therapy and Scar Management, Self Employed b, hands, burns, & adult fibromyalgia, & general disability.

erapy, Hand Therapy Service, Band 7, NHS njuries, CRPS, fibromyalgia, burns, orthopaedics.

d Occupational Therapist, Engage Occupational Therapy; Deputy Lead (Quantum), Somek and Associates Ltd, Associate Practitioner,

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erapist, Self-employed

rain injury, spinal cord and back injury, trauma and orthopaedics.

Case Manager, Case Management Company Traumatic Brain Injuries, Major Trauma, PTSD, Case Management, & Care Packages.



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Jane Dolphin PGD Occupational Therapy	Moving and Handling Trainer and Occupational Therapist, Private Occupational Therapy Services Major Trauma, Neurological Degenerative Conditions, TBI & Dementia.	Michelle McHugh BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist Neuro Occupational Therapist, NHS Brain & Spinal Cord Injuries, Neurolog
Vicky Gould BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, PG Dip Neurological Occupational Therapy	Independent Neurological Occupational Therapist, Independent Practice Neurology/brain injury including cognitive dysfunction, loss of service.	Ekaete Ndarake MSc Occupational Therapy	Advanced Occupational Therapist, H Private Occupational Therapy Practic Degenerative Neurological Condition
Helen Harrison BSc Occupational Therapy	Clinical Specialist Neurological & Vocational Occupational Therapist, Private practice Neurology, brain injury, physical disabilities, rehabilitation & vocational rehabilitation.	Lorna Neave BSc Occupational Therapy	Therapist, Self-employed, Associate f vocational rehab service Neurological conditions including brai
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ogical Degenerative Conditions, Stroke & Parkinson's Disease.

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ns, Stroke, Brain Injury & Orthopaedics.

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MSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

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Stroke Speciality Lead and Advanced Occupational Therapist, Band 7, NHS; Independent Occupational Therapist, Self-employed, Allied Health Professionals Lead, NHS Neurological conditions including brain injury and stroke, rehabilitation and equipment.	Michele Jones BSc Occupational Therapy	Paediatric Occupational Therapist, for Privat Occupational Therapist Paediatrics and young adults including sensory	
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Paediatric Occupational Therapist, Independent Practice Paediatrics and young adults - learning and physical disabilities, autism.	Christopher Dalley PGD Occupational Therapy	Occupational Therapist, The Occupational The Physical Disabilities, Orthopaedics, Progressive	
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Team Manager, Staying Independent at Home, City Council Complex orthopaedic & long term conditions, learning disabilities & adaptations.

Independent OT & Locum Occupational Therapist, Self Employed & Locum Agency Adult Physical Disabilities, Housing Adaptations & Manual Handling,

Senior Occupational Therapist (Social Care), City Council Physical Disabilities, Housing Adaptations, Orthopaedics, Trauma & Neurological Conditions.

Independent Occupational Therapist, Self-Employed

Elderly care, general medicine/surgery, palliative care, rehabilitation, bariatrics.

Oncology including palliative care, neurological conditions, fluent in portuguese.

Associate Lead for Therapies and Head Occupational Therapist, NHS

MENTAL HEALTH

Performance Lifestyle Practitioner, UK Sports Institute; Occupational Therapist, Claire Kemble Neurorehabilitation Unit, Private Practice, Claire Kemble Occupational Therapy MSc. BSc Occupational Theraby Mental health, including post-traumatic stress disorder and personality disorder, learning disabilities, loss of service. lanice Muradzikwa Team Manager, NHS East London Foundation Trust – Luton Older Persons CMHT

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PHYSIOTHERAPY

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MSc in Rehabilitation Studies,	Private Practice
BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Upper and lower limb amputation
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MSc Professional Health Studies,	Amputee Rehabilitation, 8a, NHS
BSc Physiotherapy	Neurological conditions including
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BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Traumatic Brain Injuries, Neurolog
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BSc Physiotherapy	Neurological conditions including:
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Physiotherapist, Self-employed g: brain injury, stroke, MS, vestibular disorders.

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ctor of ABC Physiotherapy, Self employed g: brain injury, stroke, MS, vestibular disorders.



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Lauren Joseph BSc Physiotherapy, BA Social Psychology	Highly Specialised Physiotherapist in Amputee Rehabilitation, Band 7, NHS Amputation, prosthetic and non-prosthetic users, multiple limb loss.	Janice Sencer Dip Physiotherapy	Extended Scope Practitioner, Private Musculoskeletal including orthopaed
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rivate Physiotherapy Clinic

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der, Self - t/a Sharp Neurological Physiotherapy ative Neurological Conditions, MS, MND & Stroke.

tation, Band 8b, NHS

neurological rehabilitation.

e and Social Services

equina, orthopaedics, general medicine, elderly rehabilitation.



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Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist, University Health Board Paediatrics including cerebral palsy, brain injury & orthopaedics.

Director and Lead Physiotherapist, independent practice

Ashwini Walvekar

Amputee and Prosthetic Physiotherapist, Band 7, Enablement Centre, NHS Lower limb amputation, prosthetic rehabilitation, non-prosthetic users.

Extended scope practitioner, MSK, chronic pain including back pain, cauda equina.

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BA (Hons) Health Studies, Grad Dip Physiotherapy

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Clinical Lead Advanced Practice Physiotherapist, Dynamic Health, MSK Services, NHS; Company

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MSc Amputee Rehabilitation. BSc Physiotherapy

Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist in Amputees and Prosthetic Rehabilitation, Private Practice Upper and lower limb amputation, vascular medicine, general surgery.

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Julie Carter BSc Medical Science (Speech)	Principal Speech & Language Therapist, Auditory Implant Service (Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust)	Elena Potter PG Dip Speech and Language Pathology
	Congenital & Acquired Deafness, Language Disorders, Speech & Swallowing Impairments.	· •
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BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Paediatrics, learning difficulties, language disorders, CP, autism and down's syndrome.	
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BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy	Adult neurological and ENT conditions, bilingual urdu (punjabi) speaking/interpreting experience.	
Diane Kruger	Independent Speech & Language Therapist, Speech Therapy Scotland; Major Trauma Rehab	
BSc Speech and Language Therapy	Coordinator, NHS	
	Brain injury, swallowing and communication disorders, alternative augmentative communication.	
Cezarina O'Connor	Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Specialist College	
BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy	Paediatrics, cerebral palsy, learning difficulties, neurology, AAC and educational needs.	

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ech and Language Therapy, PG ysphagia Training

Service Lead, private therapy practice



Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, NHS; Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Independent Speech and Language Therapy Service

Paediatrics 0-18 years including cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, genetic conditions,

Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (AAC & dysphagia), Specialist College & Therapy Centre; Speech & language Therapist, Independent Practice, Dysphagia Clinical

Paediatrics, cerebral palsy, multi-sensory impairment, dysphagia, neurology, trauma and AAC.

Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Independent Practice Adult neurological conditions, mental health, communication, swallowing & AAC.



NURSING & PARAMEDICS



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ACUTE WARD NURSES

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MSc Nursing Research and Practice Development, PG Cert Research, RN

Bank Nurse, NHS

Neurology and neurosurgery, spinal surgery, PEG and tracheostomy management.

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MSc Healthcare, BSc Nursing Studies, PG Cert Infection Control, PG Dip

Caralyn Jarvis

Education

MSc Advanced Neonatal Studies BSc (Hons) Paediatric Nursing, Non-Medical Prescriber

Senior Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, NHS Neonatal nursing, extravasation injuries, newborn examination, non-medical prescribing,

Clare Johnstone

MSc Public Health, BSc (Hons) Infection Control, BSc (Hons) Microbiology, Dip Adult Nursing

Helen Oakes

LLB (Hons) Law, BSc Nursing

Head of Nursing, Medicine Registered Nurse, NHS

Emma Robinson

BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies, PG Dip Clinical Research. PG Cert Practice Development

Oesophago-Gastric and Hepatobiliary Nurse Practitioner, NHS

Gastroenterology, oncology, liver disease and transplantation, acute ward nursing.



Registered Nurse, Agency, Co-director, LEAD Nurses Elderly care & dementia, including in acute hospitals, community hospitals & care homes.

Deputy Director of Infection Prevention & Control, Community Health NHS Infection prevention in hospital and community settings, infectious and communicable diseases.

Elderly care, falls prevention, pressure ulcer prevention, nutrition, safeguarding, discharge planning.



COMMUNITY, DISTRICT & GP PRACTITIONERS

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Advanced Nurse Practitioner, NHS GP Medical Centre

ANP (GP surgery & A&E), also undertakes musculoskeletal soft tissue & joint injections.

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Rebecca Connolly

Sharon Eplett

Dibloma in Cardiovascular Disease. Diploma in Women's Health, Diploma in Infectious Diseases, RGN

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice MSc Psychology, DipHE Paramedic Practice

Practice Nurse, GP Surgery

General practice nursing and nurse practitioner, chronic diseases, school nursing,

Consultant ACP, Hospital NHS Trust; Bank Senior Advanced Clinical Practitioner, University Hospitals NHS Trust; Locum Clinician, Various Advanced Clinical Practitioner includes UCC, MIU & recognising deteriorating patients.

District Nurse, Head of Quality & Performance, NHS

District/community nursing, pressure ulcers, end of life care.

MSc Community Nursing Practice Teacher, DipHE Nursing Studies, PG Dip Specialist Practitioner Community, V100 Nurse Prescriber, Queens Nurse

Lynn Hannon

MSc, RN

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BSc Acute Clinical Practice, Dip Nursing

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Quality & Audit Specialist Nurse, Critical Care, University Hospital Trust, NHS Critical care including tracheostomy care, pressure ulcer risk assessments and cannulation.

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MSc ANP. BSc (Hons) Community Nursing, DipHE Adult Nursing, PG Cert Prescribing

Cathreen Morna Rayner

Practice Nurse, NHS GP practice

Care Pathway, PG Dip General Practice Nursing

Helen O'Connell

Advanced Nurse Practitioner, NHS GP Medical Practice

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MSc Advanced Clinical Practice, BN (Hons) Nursing

Advanced nurse practitioner, primary care, independent prescriber, spinal injury.

Luella Robb

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Nurse Practitioner/Nurse Manager, NHS

Nurse practitioner, diabetes specialist, respiratory conditions.

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Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Private Practice



Locum Advanced Nurse Practitioner, NHS & on a self employed basis

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RN, PG Dip Advanced Practice Palliative Practice nurse with particular interest in diabetes care & management. Non-Medical Prescriber.

RN. BSc (Hons) Independent Practitioner Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care, Independent Prescriber,

Director/Advanced Nurse Practitioner, private practice

ANP/ACP, telephone triage, sexual health, fitting contraceptive implants/coils. Aesthetics.



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Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Spirit Health

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Christopher Willetts

BSc Non-Medical Prescribing.

IHCD Emergency Medical Technician, DipHE Paramedic Science, BSc Hons Pre-Hospital Emergency Care. Non-Medical Prescribing.

BSc Adult Nursing, BSc Critical Care

Course and Clinical Decision Making,

A&E / URGENT CARE

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Sue Dean

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Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Locum, Medical Staffing Agency; Deputy Quality Assurance & Training Lead (Liability) Somek and Associates Ltd Emergency nurse practitioner, A&E, minor injuries, triage.

Advanced Clinical Practitioner and HEE/NIHR Pre-doctoral clinical academic fellow Acute and **Emergency Medicine, NHS**

Emergency and acute medicine, cardiology, cannulation, phlebotomy, nurse prescribing,

Advanced Clinical Practitioner working in GP Surgery, previously paramedic until 2022.

NURSING & PARAMEDICS

Eimer Kilroe

MSc Health Community & Development, PG Dip Tropical Nursing, Dip HE Adult Nursing,

Helen McHale

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice BSc Nursing, Advanced Diploma in Adult Nursing Studies, Diploma in Tropical Nursing

Practitioner

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HEALTH VISITORS

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Care Group; Associate Lecturer, Metropolitan University BSc (Hons) European Nursing Studies, MSc Public Health.

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