

Brain Injury Wales Staff Profiles



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INTRODUCTION

Brain Injury Wales is a professional service, offering independent brain injury case management. Many people who sustain a brain injury require ongoing rehabilitation and support services following their hospital stay. The appointment of a professional Case Manager assists in the organisation and planning of future requirements in order to maximise functional ability, minimise complications and promote full participation at home and in the community.

Our website www.braininjurywales.com provides information on legislation, policies and professional issues relating to brain injury and rehabilitation for individuals with an interest in brain injury. There are links to other websites of interest and a monthly 'Website of the Month' feature.

Expertise Matrix

We have included an expertise matrix to assist you in identifying Consultants with particular specialisms.

Curriculum Vitae

This document contains mini Curriculum Vitae for all the Consultants currently working for Brain Injury Wales Ltd. The purpose is to give an overview of the expertise, qualifications and work experience of our consultants. Full Curricula Vitae are available on request.

Additional information

Should you require any further information, please contact the office on 01656 773658 or email: office@braininjurywales.com alternatively you can visit our website to submit a request.

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STAFF QUALIFICATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

All the Brain Injury Case Managers and Therapists that work for Brain Injury Wales are qualified professionals. At present the team consists of a Team Secretary, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Specialist Clinicians and Neuro Physiotherapists.

All members of the team are expected to fully engage in the Service Improvement Programme as set out by Brain Injury Wales Ltd, including post service questionnaires and adherence to the professional standards.

All staff members meet the requirements as set out below:

- Hold a professional qualification.
- Hold current professional registration with a recognised body.
- Have at least five years experience in Brain Injury Rehabilitation or Specialist Neurological field.
- Be a registered member of British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM).
- Show evidence of Continuous Professional Development in specialist field.
- Provide evidence of post graduate study fitting with the role of Consultant or Case Manager.
- Agree to regular Enhances Criminal Records Bureau checks.
- Provide evidence of Report Writing Skills.
- Pass the interview process with the Director of Brain Injury Wales and provide two satisfactory references.
- Attend regular peer support sessions and be available for regular Clinical Supervision.
- Maintain own professional indemnity and relevant liability insurances.

If you have any questions about the information in this leaflet then please contact the office or visit the website at www.braininjurywales.com

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EXPERTISE MATRIX

Consultant or Specialist Therapist	Complex Care Needs	Vocational Rehabilitation	Mental Health	Young Adults and or Paediatrics	Physical Disabilities	Neurological disorders	Brain Injury	Spinal Injury	Emotional Support	Specialist Therapy
Lowri Davies	●	●	●	●			●			●
Sian Davies	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	
Alison Hobbs	●			●	●	●	●	●		●
Jacqui John	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	
Vicky Shankland	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	
Jayne Ward	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	
Laura Williams			●	●	●	●	●	●		●

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HOME BASES AND AREAS COVERED

Home Base	Areas Covered	Consultant or Specialist	Page
Bridgend	S/M/W/N	Vicky Shankland	11
Chester	M/N	Sian Davies	8
Hereford	S/M/W	Laura Williams	13
Penarth	S/W	Lowri Davies	7
Pontypridd	S/M/W	Jacqui John	10
Swansea	S/M/W	Alison Hobbs	9
Swansea	S/M/W	Jayne Ward	12

Key:

S = South Wales
M = Mid Wales
W = West Wales
N = North Wales

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Lowri Davies

Specialism: Occupational Therapy and Vocational Rehabilitation

Home Base: Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan

Qualifications: BSc Occupational Therapy

Current Employment

Lowri is an Occupational Therapist and currently works as a brain injury Case Manager and a specialist Occupational Therapist for Brain Injury Wales. Lowri offers vocational based assessments and programmes utilising functional tools. Lowri carries a case load of complex brain injury cases. Lowri also works part time at Morriston Hospital in Swansea assessing and treating patients that have suffered from a stroke. Working in an acute setting the assessments include identifying the level of functioning, equipment and care needs of the individual for the transfer to a community setting. Lowri is a committee member of Headway Bridgend & District, the brain injury association.

Experience & Interests

Lowri is a Specialist Occupational Therapist having worked at the Neuropsychiatry unit in Whitchurch in Cardiff, both in the inpatient and day patient service and offering structured community based vocational rehabilitation for individuals with brain injury.

Lowri is keen to advance a unique pathway to vocational rehabilitation which is true to her occupational therapy background and one which sits within the model of human occupation. Lowri offers a unique client centred holistic approach to vocational rehabilitation. Lowri is also a fluent Welsh speaker.

Professional Memberships

Number

Health Professional Council	OT37451
British Association of Occupational Therapy	BT0225285
College of Occupational Therapy Specialist Section in work	
British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers	0394
Association of Vocational Rehabilitation	

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Sian Davies

Specialism: Social Worker

Home Base: Chester

Qualifications: MA BA (Hons) DipHE DipSW

Current Employment

Sian is a Social Worker Consultant and assists Brain Injury Wales with a variety of issues around welfare rights and complex social problems. Sian is a Case Manager with Brain Injury Wales and carries a load of clients with Traumatic Brain Injury and complex physical disabilities in North Wales. Sian also works part time as a Senior practitioner for Social Services in North Wales.

Experience & Special Interests

Sian Davies has 9 years experience in the health service, managing all aspects of social needs within an accident and emergency acute setting. She also has extensive experience of brain injury and other types of head and spinal injury in an acute clinical setting.

Sian also has 11 years experience as a Social Worker, in both children and adult services, where she has amassed a great deal of experience managing people with brain injury and other complex disabilities. Sian has experience and knowledge around the Independent Living Fund and Direct Payments thus enabling clients to access the funds they require in order to increase their independence within the community setting.

<u>Professional Memberships</u>	<u>Number</u>
SWA	104756
CCW	W/1008924
BABICM	0195

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Alison Hobbs

Specialism: Paediatric Physiotherapy

Home Base: Swansea

Qualifications: PGC Paediatric Neuro-rehabilitation
BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

Current Employment

Alison is a Physiotherapist and is currently employed as a Consultant for Brain Injury Wales, carrying a complex caseload of both paediatric and adult brain injury cases. These include clients with traumatic brain injury and other neurological disorders. Within sessions Alison works with her clients and their families to set meaningful and specific goals, alongside the use of appropriate outcome measures. This contributes to the ongoing process of re-assessment and evaluation providing clients, their families and carers with a clear understanding of their therapy and focus for maximising their individual potential.

Alison offers specialist assessments and analysis of her clients in order to devise and implement individualised therapy sessions and advice on management programmes.

Experience & Special Interests

Alison has 13 years experience as a Physiotherapist. Initially working at Singleton Hospital in Swansea and then spending 7 years in the Swansea Community Paediatric Physiotherapy Team where she was a Superintendent. Alison then moved to the Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales where she developed specific expertise in the analysis and treatment of children and young adults with cerebral palsy and allied neurological conditions. Alison offers a client (and family) centred approach to rehabilitation and has specific interests in providing therapy to enable improvements in her client's activity levels and participation.

<u>Professional Memberships</u>	<u>Number</u>
Health Professions Council	PH50666
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy	56680
British Association of Bobath Trained Therapists	
Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists	
Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Respiratory Care	

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Jacqui John

Specialism: Nursing, Neuropsychiatry

Home Base: Pontypridd

Qualifications: Bsc (Hons) Degree in Specialist Practice (Neuroscience)
Registered Mental Nurse

Current Employment

Jacqui currently works as a Nurse Consultant for Brain Injury Wales and carries a caseload of clients with complex neuro disability. These include clients with TBI and other neurological conditions and organic mental health disorders. Jacqui is a brain injury case manager and specialises in clients with complex disability and behavioural management issues post injury. Jacqui works in conjunction with the client, family and multi-agency services to establish and implement a goal orientated management plan.

Experience & Special Interests

Jacqui John has worked with the complex field of neuropsychiatry and rehabilitation for 12 years, spanning inpatient, day service and community services, up until recently working as Specialist Community Nurse Practitioner within regional service in Cardiff. Jacqui has gained a wide range of knowledge, skills and specialism in both acquired and traumatic brain injury and the consequent complex clinical mix, which has included multi-faceted neurological conditions such as epilepsy, undertaking role as Epilepsy Nurse Specialist at University Hospital Wales for one year. Jacqui actively provides teaching sessions with regards to management, rehabilitation and care provision to service providers and organisations on a regular basis. Jacqui specialises and has keen interest in behavioural management strategies and emotional support, for both the service user and their families, for continued community neuro-rehabilitation.

Professional Memberships

Number

Nursing Midwifery Council	9410160W
Royal College Nursing	1946084
BABICM	0415

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Vicky Shankland

Specialism: Nursing, Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Home Base: Bridgend, South Wales

Qualifications: Masters Degree in Nursing
Registered General Nurse

Current Employment

Vicky is the Director of Brain Injury Wales and also carries her own complex patient caseload as a Nurse Consultant. Vicky is a part time peer inspector for Health Inspectorate Wales and also holds the position of Chair of Headway Bridgend and District. Vicky works in partnership with the client and their families to identify realistic goals within the model of neuro-rehabilitation. Working closely with service providers to provide the best rehabilitation outcomes for her case load.

Experience & Special Interests

Vicky Shankland has 20 years experience in nursing and is a specialist in brain injury rehabilitation. Vicky was a senior ward sister at Morriston Hospital in Swansea for 8 years before setting up a community brain injury service in 2000. Between 2006 and 2009 Vicky held an Honorary Lectureship with Swansea University teaching on the MSc in Brain Injury Rehabilitation Course. Vicky has also delivered the RCN Clinical Leadership Programme to qualified staff at Cardiff and the Vale Trust. Vicky's main interest lies with the management and rehabilitation of clients with brain injury and complex disabilities. Vicky is currently involved with leading the development of multi professional research in brain injury in Wales and is currently developing an interdisciplinary rehabilitation tool as part of her PhD studies.

<u>Professional Memberships</u>	<u>Number</u>
Nursing Midwifery Council	90Y0054W
Royal College Nursing	1013637
BABICM	0277
Welsh Nursing Academy	

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Jayne Ward

Specialism: Nursing, Neuro-rehabilitation

Home Base: Swansea, South Wales

Qualifications: Registered General Nurse

Current Employment

Jayne works as a Nurse Consultant for Brain Injury Wales and currently has a complex caseload of both paediatric and adult clients. Jayne's case load includes clients with traumatic brain injury and other complicated neurological disorders. Jayne's workload includes survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury, Cerebral Palsy and complicated long term neurological disorders. Jayne is currently developing a training and supervision service for support workers or family members to ensure that the client receives the highest quality packages of rehabilitation and care.

Experience & Special Interests

Jayne has over 20 years experience in the field of neuroscience. Initially working as a nurse in the Neurosurgical department at Morriston Hospital in Swansea. Working with both brain injured and spinal injured individuals. Jayne then moved onto work in Neuro-rehabilitation where until recently she was a Ward Manager of a neurology and neuro rehabilitation facility. Jayne's interests include the provision of neuro based care in a community environment, devising care and rehabilitation plans and ensuring that the individuals care and rehabilitation needs are met. Jayne trains carers and their families on all aspects of brain injury and rehabilitation devising individualised training specific to the clients needs.

<u>Professional Memberships</u>	<u>Number</u>
Nursing Midwifery Council	86G0064W
RCN	783476
BABICM	0421

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Laura Williams

Specialism: Clinical Massage Therapy

Home Base: Hereford

Qualifications: Clinical Massage Therapy, Integrated Body Work, Bobath Modules 1-3.

Current Employment

Laura has her own private practice in Hereford and also works part time as a Consultant for Brain Injury Wales Ltd. Laura has an extensive case load working as specialist Clinical Massage Therapist on a regional and national basis, providing specialist treatment, support and advice for the management and treatment of individual's with complex neurological conditions, Laura also treats clients suffering from musculo-skeletal pain both within a family, on specialised units and as part of a community based multi-agency environment.

Experience & Interests

Laura is considered to be a specialist in her field. Her role is to assess the patients needs and condition, work with the individual and their team to build on their abilities, to overcome their problems, to relearn new techniques and adapt their environment to increase independence using modern rehabilitation techniques and to include setting realistic and achievable aims and objectives in order for them to achieve their potential. The management and treatment of children and adults with neurological conditions on dry land and in water.

In 2006 she completed research using state-of-the-art motion analysis technology. This piece of research has been published and is believed to be the first of its type.

<u>Professional Memberships</u>	<u>Number</u>
General Council for Massage Therapy	00709
Massage Training Institute	