

Dawn Harrison-Ward

Neurological Physiotherapist

Based in: South Lakes / Lancashire



Profile

Dawn joined the team at Neurocare in 2020, bringing with her more than 20 years of experience working with people with a range of neurological conditions in inpatient settings, outpatient clinics and in the community.

Dawn has worked with clients in both the private sector and the NHS and has developed extensive skills in person-centred rehabilitation, supporting her clients to set and achieve meaningful goals.

She is adept at working both independently and alongside wider multidisciplinary teams, with private clients and case managed clients going through the personal injury litigation process.

As part of the team at A Chance for Life Ltd, Dawn works alongside specialist case managers, occupational therapists and care professionals, sharing knowledge and attending regular clinical training covering a broad spectrum of neurological rehabilitation.

Areas of expertise

Adult neurophysiotherapy
Elderly rehabilitation
Stroke
Multiple sclerosis
Acquired brain injury
Parkinson's disease
Spinal cord injury
Guillain-Barré syndrome
Transverse myelitis
Muscular dystrophy
Peripheral nerve lesions
Lymes disease
Cerebral palsy
Hereditary spastic paraplegia
Brain tumour
Ataxia
Diabetic neuropathy
Motor neurone disease
Syrigomyelia
Peripheral neuropathy
Foot drop
Fatigue management
Hydrotherapy
Postural management
Gait training
Upper limb rehabilitation
Bespoke exercise and training programmes
Report writing

Qualifications

Graduate Diploma of Physiotherapy – Queen Elizabeth School of Physiotherapy, Birmingham, 1992

Memberships & registrations

Health Professions Council (HCPC)
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP)
Association of Chartered Physiotherapists interested in Neurology

To discuss a referral or for more information, please contact Neurocare Physiotherapy

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Key Skills

Brain Injury. Dawn has worked for over 20 years with clients with brain injury across both acute, rehabilitation and community settings. This has involved working closely with a multidisciplinary team with a person-centred focus for clients with physical and cognitive difficulties. Dawn has also worked alongside the rehabilitation consultants in Botox clinics.

Spinal Injury. Dawn has worked with a variety of clients with spinal injuries both complete and incomplete. This has always involved working towards a client's goal and striving to achieve their optimal potential. She has completed an online course 'Physiotherapy management of Spinal Injuries' in association with the International Spinal Cord Society

Community. Working with clients in the community setting has always been integral to Dawn's rehabilitation work. Treating clients in their own setting allows her to see problems relevant to their own environment and often requires a problem-solving approach.

Multiple Sclerosis. Dawn worked for the MS Society for nearly 6 years, giving her an opportunity to work with many people with MS as well as learning about recent research and new drug schemes. During this time, she was also involved in setting up exercise classes for people with MS in conjunction with local leisure services. This helped to cement her belief that exercise, and fitness is an important part of a client's wellbeing.

Stroke. For over 20 years, Dawn has worked with people affected by stroke, from acute stages to inpatient rehabilitation and community integration. This has included working alongside families, health and social care professionals, voluntary groups and community services.

Professional Pathway

Apr 2020 to date	Specialist Neurological Physiotherapist, Neurocare Physiotherapy
2016 - 2020	Clinical specialist in Neurological physiotherapy, Summerseat Physiotherapy Clinic
2010 - 2016	Clinical Specialist Neurophysiotherapist MS Society, Belfast
2003 – 2010	Clinical Specialist Neurological Physiotherapist, Wrightington Wigan and Leigh Working in rehabilitation settings of inpatient acute and rehabilitation units as well as community settings
1998 - 2003	Senior I Physiotherapist, Wrightington Wigan and Leigh Working across all areas of rehabilitation
1995 - 1998	Senior II Physiotherapist, Wrightington Wigan and Leigh Working in both inpatient and community rehabilitation
1995	Senior II Physiotherapist, Runcorn and Halton Trust 3-month contract working in outpatient rehabilitation
1994	Senior II Physiotherapist, Whiston and St Helens Rotational post, mainly in outpatients
1992 - 1994	Junior Rotation Physiotherapist, Whiston and St Helens Mainly rehabilitation and outpatients

Dawn's recent training record is available on request.