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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

January 1990 – present

Independent Practice

- I assess and treat children , many of whom have special needs such as Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, learning difficulties, visual impairment and Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- My specialist areas are communication, eating, drinking and saliva control
- I supervise/coach speech and language therapists at special schools and provide second opinions. I advise on and provide staff training
- I train professional staff and carers in the management of eating/drinking difficulties in children

Since September 1997

- I run and teach specialist post-graduate courses which are registered by The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists at University College London where I am Honorary Lecturer in the Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
- I prepare medico-legal reports for both Claimant and Defendant and am increasingly instructed as a jointly appointed expert

September 2006 – April 2008

RNIB Sunshine House School for Children with Visual Impairment – Northwood, Middlesex

Part-time consultant

- I assessed children and advised staff and parents on appropriate management. I provided staff and parent training for the school and residential staff

June – August 2006

Enfield Primary Care Trust – London

Part-time consultant

- I assessed/treated children with a range of physical, learning and sensory problems as part of a multi-disciplinary team. I provided second opinions

January 1994 – July 1998

RNIB Sunshine House for Children with Visual Impairment – Middlesex

Part-time consultant

- I assessed children and advised staff and parents on appropriate management and provided staff and parent training

February – July 1995

Northwick Park Hospital – Harrow, Middlesex

Locum post

- I assessed and treated babies and children with physical/learning/sensory disabilities and provided second opinions



May 1986 – December 1989

Bobath Centre – London

Part-time Speech and Language Therapist

- I assessed and treated babies and children with cerebral palsy and taught on the postgraduate courses run at the Centre

January 1976 – September 1985

Edgware General Hospital

Full-time Speech and Language Therapist

- I worked as part of a multi-disciplinary team seeing babies and children with special needs

October 1974 – December 1975

Camden & Islington Health Authority

Full-time Speech and Language Therapist

- I worked with a mixed paediatric caseload and at a special school

COURSES ATTENDED include:

2013	1-day conference on multisensory/visual impairment
2013	3-day course on management of behavioural eating and drinking difficulties
2012	1-day meeting at the Bobath Centre, London, regarding Cerebral Palsy
2010	2-day Conference on Visual Impairment and Autism
2008	2-day course of Classification of Cerebral Palsy at The Bobath Centre
2002	Course on saliva control, epilepsy and ageing in people with cerebral palsy
1999	The New Rules: Are You Ready? Single Joint Expert Training
1998	1-day course on Courtroom Skills Training 2-day course on medico-legal work
1984	8 week Bobath Course

PUBLICATIONS

1994	‘The Practical Management of Eating and Drinking Difficulties in Children’
2005	‘Eating and Drinking Difficulties in Children – A Guide for Practitioners’ Various articles in a range of publications

WORKING PARTIES

I was a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Working Party on medico-legal work

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Eating and drinking difficulties in children
International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Certified Member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council
Checked by the Law Society
First Tier APIL Expert
The British Association of Bobath Trained Therapists
The Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice

