



CLARE BARR

CURRICULUM VITAE



Clare qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 2014 with a BSc(Hons) in Speech and Language Therapy from Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh. She is registered with the Health and Care Professions Council and is a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. Clare currently works in a specialist post within the independent sector where she supports both paediatric and adult clients with complex communication support needs in the community and in rehabilitation settings.

Clare works as part of highly coordinated interdisciplinary teams in order to provide holistic and comprehensive support to her clients. Clare enjoys working collaboratively with her clients and the wider IDT to ensure therapy goals are meaningful and targeted at the correct level. Her passion is delivering therapy programs in a way which allows functional improvement.

Clare has taken a lead role in developing a social communication support group within a neuro rehabilitation unit for adults who have sustained acquired brain injuries (ABI). Clare is passionate about supporting clients who present with social communication challenges as a result of neurological damage, thus empowering clients to experience positive quality of life and maintain relationships post-ABI.

Clare has also worked as a Brain Injury Case Manager which has supported the development of her skills in neurological rehabilitation, knowledge of the litigation process as well as her understanding of acquired brain injury, its impact on clients and their wider family life.

Clare has been involved in vulnerable adult cases, liaising with and supporting neuropsychology to establish mental capacity based on a client's ability to understand decisions and to express choices and decisions.

Clare has also had the responsibility for supporting less experienced colleagues and supervising a Speech and Language Therapy assistant.

Clare believes in viewing clients' support needs holistically and strives to provide therapeutic input at an environmental level as well as in the form of direct client contact. Clare provides treatment consistent with the evidence base and the RCSLT clinical guidelines. Clare also works with families of clients to support, empower and involve them in the goal-setting component of therapy.

Clare has received training in Signalong, Hanen Teacher Talk and It Takes Two to Talk, Talking Mats, Motivational Interviewing and has attended workshops on supporting children with English as an additional language, run by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists' advisor for bilingualism. She is also an active member of the Central Neuro Rehab Clinical Excellence Network.

Clare keeps up to date with her continuing professional development and enjoys attending conferences across the UK. She is supervised regularly by Rachel Moir, Speech and Language Therapist and Director of Neuro Rehab Group.