



### **Simon Murnane, Bachelor of Health Science: Occupational Therapy**

Simon is an occupational therapist with over 10 years experience working in NHS and social care settings. He gained his occupational therapy degree from Charles Sturt University Australia.

Simon has worked in a variety of clinical fields including spinal cord injury, neurology, acquired brain injury, amputees, orthopaedics, hand therapy, respiratory, cardiology and general medicine. He has experience of in-patient and community based work and as such understands the needs of clients with complex injuries from both a discharge planning perspective and also the longer term management aspect. Simon is skilled in the setup, implementation and review of complex care packages, as well as goal setting and implementation of rehabilitation programmes.

Simon has worked for many years in a number of social care settings in the capacity of both senior practitioner and manager, including both initial and long term management teams, major adaptations and housing. Through this work he has undertaken complex long term casework, designing and reviewing major home adaptations, provision of specialist equipment including seating, staff recruitment and management, development of policies and procedures in line with current legislation, and responding to complaints and conflict situations. He has extensive experience in the assessment and provision of manual handling equipment and the training of carers and families.

Simon is a strong advocate of multidisciplinary working having worked in numerous multidisciplinary teams across NHS and social care settings. He has worked with and managed occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, nurses, support staff and carers. He is experienced in urgent and crisis response intervention as well as long term planning and has experience of working with statutory and third sector organisations. He has experience of working with statutory and private care agencies, including recruitment, monitoring and training of these staff.

Recent projects undertaken by Simon have included service re-design in a statutory setting, establishing policies and procedures and staff management encompassing recruitment, retention and training and development. He has also worked at a project level on the re-design of an adult rehabilitation unit and has developed a number of training packages focused on collaborative working to achieve client goals.

Simon is a member of the Health and Care Professions Council, British Association of Occupational Therapists, and the Posture and Mobility Group UK. He is committed to lifelong learning and as such ensures he regularly maintains his skills by attending a range of training courses and conferences. For Ainscough Associates Simon undertakes immediate needs assessments and acts as a case manager on complex cases.