

Leon Aryee MA, Social Work

Leon is a Social Worker with over 10 years experience working in different health and Social Care settings. He completed his Masters Degree in Social Work at Brunel University in 2006. He has since completed further training in Best Interest Assessments under the Mental Capacity Act, safeguarding, cultural diversity, substance misuse, brief therapeutic interventions and he is an Approved mental Health Professional. Leon is fluent in speaking two other languages, namely Ga and Twi from Ghana, West Africa.

Having worked in the NHS, adult Social Services, rehab settings, nursing homes, hospitals, community settings and with children and families services, Leon has gained skills in working with different client groups. He is comfortable working with children, adolescents, people of working age and older people as well as their families and carers. He is expert in assessing needs, managing and reviewing the care of people with neurological conditions including brain injury, learning disabilities, Huntington's disease, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, spinal injury, stroke, dementia, Autistic Spectrum as well as physical disabilities, amputations, respiratory difficulties, substance misuse issues, trauma, challenging behaviour and other complex needs.

Leon is experienced in supporting people with highly complex individual needs and complicated family dynamics, in addition to dealing with crisis situations and safeguarding cases. Also, he is proficient in managing financial budgets, organising specialist placements, setting up care packages, making referrals, sourcing equipment, liaising with different professionals and attending funding panels.

Leon is able to negotiate funding with both statutory and non-statutory organisations, as well as implementing direct payments and the provision of services under the Care Act, 2014. His organisational skills are of a high standard and have been vital in setting-up and successfully running a mentoring programme for underachieving pupils of a secondary school in Surrey and being part of a team who started the Early Intervention Service (EIS) for young people experiencing mental health difficulties in two London boroughs.

Leon's passion is in helping clients achieve the outcomes they want and helping clients maintain autonomy over their own care and treatment. To achieve this, Leon works closely with the client, his/her family and other involved professionals such as nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, doctors, solicitors and carers to plan and deliver packages of care to suit the client's identified needs. Leon is particularly skilled in carrying out holistic assessments aimed at identifying the client's entire needs rather than focusing on limited aspects of a person's needs. He understands the need to write clear and comprehensive reports and he strives to deliver a high standard of care for his clients always.