

Maggie Ledwidge BSc (Hons) Health Studies RGN HV

Maggie is a Registered Nurse with over 30 years nursing experience. She qualified in 1978 graduating from the Middlesex Hospital, London with an adult nursing qualification. She went on to complete a Diploma in Health Visiting at Surrey University graduating in 1979. Working across a range of care and management settings, including community and children services, acute trusts, primary care and the Health Authorities, Maggie has developed skills in assessment of rehabilitation and care needs, planning and goal setting, implementation and evaluation of care, alongside a good understanding of funding and commissioning services across health and social care. One of Maggie's special interest areas is the use of play in child development.

As a case manager Maggie has experience of working with adults and children who have experienced traumatic brain injury, spinal injury, and other complex conditions and disabilities. She has experience of assisting clients through acute stages of care, facilitating progress through a step down pathway and into the community, establishing multidisciplinary teams and support packages tailored for individual needs. Maggie also has experience of working with clients returning to college or work. She has found her extensive knowledge of health and social care provision invaluable when working with private and NHS providers.

Prior to working as a case manager Maggie managed a care facility with a specialist multi disciplinary team providing care and rehabilitation for patients with complex neurological conditions and acquired brain injury. She led the developmental transformation of the facility to a highly recognised unit amongst professionals in the field. Maggie has also managed or supported the development of further units to establish a multidisciplinary approach to care and rehabilitation. She utilises her coaching skills to develop staff.

Working in a Surrey NHS Trust, Maggie was instrumental in the review and restructuring of services within the Trust and facilitating care pathways, for example Stroke services across Surrey. Maggie jointly led a trust wide project to bring about transformational change focusing on the patient experience which was recognised as winner of the Health Service Journal Award in 2005.

Maggie worked with the Health Authority in performance management for West Surrey which included developing strategies with the local health providers to meet national targets, improve patient care and cope with winter pressures. From this, Maggie had a rare opportunity to investigate the healthcare provision in Croatia as part of an international team providing recommendations to develop their services.

Maggie has worked as a specialist nurse in a number of areas, including brain injury, respiratory and diabetes care. As a health visitor and qualified adult teacher she has experience of teaching a range of subjects related to healthcare and development for adults and children both in a college setting and in practice. Maggie has been involved in setting up clinical trials within the primary care setting and undertaking audits to identify, assess, and manage patients at risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

For Ainscough Associates Maggie carries out Immediate Needs Assessments and manages adult and paediatric complex cases. She is a member of the Royal College of Nursing and registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. She regularly attends training days relevant to her case management role and clinical nursing practice. She is also a member of the British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers and a committee member of Surrey Acquired Brain Injury Network.