

Professional Profile

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFILE

Yasmin is a highly specialist Speech and Language Therapist who has extensive experience of working with people with swallowing and communication impairments. Yasmin has a passion for working with stroke and neurology patients and has significant experience, skills and knowledge of a wide range of speech, language, communication and swallowing disorders.

Yasmin graduated with a First Class Honours Degree from Manchester Metropolitan University in Speech Pathology and Therapy. She has experience in working with acquired neurological conditions and acute medical conditions which impact on communication and swallowing. She has also worked with people who have voice disorders and has experience of working with transgender clients for vocal feminisation therapy.

Yasmin strives to empower clients to achieve their goals and maximise their potential with their speech, language, communication or swallowing difficulties. Yasmin has been praised on her ability to encourage independence and confidence when working with people with communication and swallowing difficulties and focuses on achievable goals to enable client improvement despite their impairments.

Yasmin has experience of working within the National Health Service where she is an Advanced Specialist & Clinical Lead for Speech and Language Therapy in the Early Supported Discharge Community Team for Stroke patients. She manages a team of therapists and is responsible for the operational management of the service. In her career, Yasmin has worked alongside highly-experienced medical and neurological specialists to improve services and enhance staff knowledge, skills and expertise.

As an advocate for multi-disciplinary working, Yasmin has extensive experience of working collaboratively with other parties to enable clients to maximise their potential in their therapy and rehabilitation. Yasmin promotes holistic working in her interventions and places importance on exploring the emotional, psychological and physical needs a client may have, in addition to their specific speech, language, communication and swallowing needs.

Outside of work, Yasmin enjoys cooking, socialising and going to the gym. She is an avid book reader and enjoys her well-earned holidays.

Yasmin is passionate about her job and making a difference to her clients' lives. Promoting independence and encouraging confidence with communication and swallowing is Yasmin's main ambition with her clients. The positive outcomes that come from her intervention are the most rewarding part of her job.

KEY SKILLS

- Assessment and management of acquired and complex communication and swallowing impairments.
- Identifying appropriateness of formal vs informal assessments
- Holistic management of aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia of speech, cognitive-communication disorder and dysphagia
- Working with challenging behaviours as a result of brain injury
- Individualised assessment and therapy tools
- Development and delivery of bespoke therapy programmes for clients
- Impairment-based therapy
- Provision of compensatory strategies to achieve full communication and swallowing potential
- Excellent communication skills
- Functional intervention

AREAS OF EXPERTISE / OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Areas of Expertise/ Other useful information

Stroke and neurology

Brain injury

Progressive neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease, Motor Neurone Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Dementia

Acquired complex communication and swallowing disorders

Assessment and management of aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia of speech, cognitive-communication impairment and dysphagia

Complex rehabilitation

Voice disorders, including psychogenic, structural and neurological

Experience of working with transgender patients and offering vocal feminisation therapy

Mental capacity assessments

Training of clients, family and staff

Clinical educator and student supervision

Clinical and managerial supervision

Utilisation of outcome measures in therapy

Member of the West Midlands ESD & Rehabilitation Working Group

Contributed to the development of the NHSE Report on Stroke Care in the Midlands: Early Supported Discharge & Rehabilitation

Previously a committee member for Clinical Excellence Network for Stroke in the Midlands

Contributed to wider service development initiatives within the National Health Service

Professional Memberships:

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) – SL32159

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) – RC0032676

Courses Attended:

- Cognitive Communication Disorder – Facilitating Communication in Complex Brain Injury, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability London – November 2020
- Access to Communication and Technology, Birmingham – October 2019
- Nutricia Dysphagia Academy, London – September 2019
- Therapy Outcome Measures by Pam Enderby, London – June 2019
- West Midlands SSNAP & Stroke Clinical Network Group, Birmingham – April 2019
- Accredited Managers Training, Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust – March 2019
- UK Stroke Forum Conference, Telford – December 2018
- Level 1 Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) Interpreter Training, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust – July 2018
- Reading Adult Videofluoroscopies – Introduction to neurological disorders, common neurological dysphagia presentations, utilisation of VFS and approaches to analysis, UCLH London – September 2017
- International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference, City University London – December 2016
- Trust Mental Capacity Act and DOLS Training, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust – November 2016
- Introduction to Clinical and Non-clinical leadership, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust – October 2016
- British Laryngological Association Assessment and Diagnosis in the Voice Clinic, UHB Birmingham – March 2016
- In-house Post-Graduate Dysphagia Training Programme, Poole Hospital – 2015

EDUCATION

Manchester Metropolitan University (2010-2014)
BSc(Hons) Speech Pathology and Therapy – First Class Honours (2014)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

March 2021 – Present
Band 7 Speech and Language Therapist & Team Lead - Community Stroke Service
South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

November 2018 – February 2021
Band 7 Advanced Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

May 2018 – November 2018
Band 7 Clinical Lead Speech and Language Therapist in Stroke – secondment
South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

May 2015 – May 2018
Band 6 Specialist Speech and Language Therapist – Stroke, Acute Medical & Voice
South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

May 2014 – May 2015
Band 5 Speech and Language Therapist
Poole Hospitals NHS Trust

August 2011 – May 2014 (During holiday periods from University)
Customer Service Advisor – Outbound
National Farmers Union, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

July 2011 – September 2011
Front of House Waitress
The White Lion, Radford Semele, Warwickshire

September 2010 – May 2010
Front of House Waitress
The Stag at Offchurch, Warwickshire

July 2008 – August 2011
Sales Advisor
Next Retail, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

REFERENCES

Available on request