



Professional Profile

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Position	Paediatric Physiotherapist	
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PROFILE

Heather currently works at University Hospitals Birmingham as a specialist paediatric physiotherapist in the assessment and management of children from 0 to 19 years, with neuromuscular disorders who attend the Regional Paediatric Neuromuscular Clinic. As part of the multi-disciplinary team Heather will assess and offer guidance and support the local physiotherapy teams on the management of the child. Heather is involved in national neuromuscular groups to ensure that the management of children with neuromuscular conditions is consistent throughout the country as well as participating in national and international drug trials for neuromuscular conditions. Heather presents training to local therapy teams on the management of neuromuscular conditions.

Heather qualified in physiotherapy in 1992 and specialised in paediatrics 1996 at Heartlands Hospital where she has developed an extensive understanding of normal motor development of infants and young children. Heather has many years experience in the neurodevelopmental assessment of new-borns and infants, working with both premature and term babies into childhood who demonstrate a delay in gross motor development. Heather undertakes specialist neurodevelopmental assessment clinics for pre-term children using the Bayley III assessment.

Heather has experience in the management of congenital conditions such as obstetric brachial plexus palsy and torticollis. Heather works within the plaster clinic to serial cast children with reduced ankle range of movement due to neurodevelopmental or neuromuscular conditions.

Heather believes that early intervention is the key to allow every child to reach their full gross motor potential.

KEY SKILLS

- Assessment of the infant and young child in gross motor development
- Specialist assessment of children with neuromuscular disorders
- Specialist assessments of young children using the Bayley III assessment
- Serial casting
- Management of obstetric brachial plexus palsy and torticollis

AREAS OF EXPERTISE / OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Professional Memberships:

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy: 052376

Health Professions Council: PH455243

Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists: 104073

EDUCATION

Graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy - qualified 1992

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Physiotherapist for University Hospitals Birmingham since 1992 to present.