

## VERITY BOAK

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy



Senior Case Manager and Occupational Therapist<

Based in: The Channel Islands

Clients: Channel Islands and South Coast

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy 1998
- British Association of Occupational Therapists.
- College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section Independent Practice.
- Registered to practice with the Royal Court in Jersey.
- BABICM (British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers).

### EXPERIENCE

Upon qualifying, Verity worked within the community in Scotland assessing the needs of adults and children suffering from a wide range of disabilities including orthopaedic conditions (including hip and knee replacements and amputations), neurological conditions, arthritis, amputation, medical conditions (for example, cardiac and respiratory diseases), spinal injury and terminal care. As well as providing specialist equipment, Verity also coordinated housing adaptations of varying sizes.

Verity is able to provide case management for the following clients:

- Spinal injuries all levels. (Paediatric and Adult).
- Traumatic Brain injury (Paediatric Young Adults and Adults) to include Walking Wounded / High Level Physical Functional Difficulties /Cognitive difficulties.
- Cerebral Palsy. (Paediatric and Adult)
- Stroke.
- Progressive Neurological Diseases.
- Learning disabilities. (Paediatric and Adult)
- Orthopaedic Injuries. (Paediatric and Adult)
- Amputees. (Paediatric and Adult)

Following her move to Jersey in 2001, Verity established a private practice working with clients living in the community who had chronic health conditions that required advice on equipment and adaptations.

In addition, she worked alongside a team of Consulting Engineers providing Jersey's building industry with independent advice on disability and access issues. During this time Verity established analytic assessment and report writing skills and the ability to present succinct information in a pressurised setting.

In 2006 Verity established Independent Living Consultants (Jersey) Limited. In partnership with a nurse, they manage a team of multi-disciplinary health professionals working together to help their clients to meet their potential for living safely and independently within their home environment. They work with clients with a variety of disabilities such as head injuries, orthopaedic conditions, medical conditions and clients who are terminally ill.

As well as providing detailed community based assessment, they develop and implement care packages. This includes directly recruiting and supervising carers to

ensure that their clients' individual needs are being met. They offer a range of in-house therapeutic treatments and work closely with the Islands statutory and private health and social care providers.

In 2008 Verity began working as an expert witness. She writes complex medico-legal reports assessing the cost of injuries caused by accidents and clinical negligence. As well as evaluating past present and future care, her reports make recommendations for transport, equipment, adaptations, housing and miscellaneous costs such as heating, holidays and therapy.

In 2008 Verity began working as a case manager and work with both adults and children who have experienced head injuries, spinal injuries and complex orthopaedic injuries. Using her established network of Channel Island based colleagues and her knowledge of the Island's unique health and social care provisions, she is able to ensure that her clients' requirements are implemented in a concise and efficient manner.

#### **PERSONAL PROFILE**

Verity is married with three children, two girls and a boy, as well as the family's pet Labrador. She takes advantage of the long Jersey summers, spending time with family and friends on the beach. Verity has a great interest in planning and cooking special meals.

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