

## Curriculum Vitae

### Personal Details

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### Person Profile

Fiona is a highly competent and versatile professional with excellent organisational and communication skills, supported by a keen sense of humour. She utilises her extensive practical knowledge in seating and pressure ulcer prevention in a variety of clinical settings and is used to working on her own initiative in both 'hands-on' and theoretical situations.

Professionally Fiona has worked in both a commercial environment and for the NHS. This provides her with an ideal understanding of the needs and requirements of both types of organisations. She is actively involved in patient care both locally and nationally. In 2010 Fiona spent two separate weeks undertaking seating assessments and equipment solutions in Romania on behalf of a charity Romania Connect.

Fiona's acknowledged skills as a lecturer and speaker were developed while she was a Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy at the University of Brighton. She has successfully delivered tailor made courses, workshops, training sessions and lectures to a full range of client groups including clinicians, healthcare assistants and private company sales consultants, maintaining an awareness of their diverse needs at all times. Her interactive and participative approach is an enjoyable and rewarding shared learning experience for all.

Fiona is highly respected in the area of seating as demonstrated by her membership of the College of Occupational Therapists working party for NICE 2004, membership of the Tissue Viability Society Council in 1999 and Member of the board of the Wound Care Alliance 2007-9. Fiona was recently asked to review the new NHS Purchasing and Supplies Agency March 2010 publication: *Buyers Guide, Specialist Seating for Stroke Patients in the Acute Hospital Setting*. More recently she has assisted the College of Occupational Therapists in providing feedback on research requirements for pressure relieving cushion. Fiona has recently been approached by the College of Occupational Therapists to plan and deliver a masterclass on seating in 2012.

Fiona's expertise has led her to undertake work as an expert witness, having obtained relevant training in report writing, courtroom skills and cross examination at Bond Solon, London. Fiona works on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, Coroners, and Solicitors, both in civil and criminal investigations.

## Qualifications

1984 Diploma of the College of Occupational Therapists (COT)  
1984 Basic Clinical Supervisor's Course, COT  
1989 Intermediate Clinical Supervisor's Course, COT  
1995 Certificate in Teaching and Learning; SEDA Accreditation. University of Brighton  
1999 MSC Clinical Life Sciences. University of Brighton

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## Work History

1999 - present Director and Seating Specialist, National Wound Healing Centres Ltd  
1994 – 1999 Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, University of Brighton  
1991 – 1994 Consultant Seating Specialist, Gerald Simonds Healthcare  
1990 – 1999 Key Therapist, West Dorset Wheelchair Service  
1987 - 1990 Senior 1 Occupational Therapist, Weymouth Community Mental Handicap Team  
1985 – 1987 Head Occupational Therapist, Acute Mental Health Unit, Herrison Hospital, Charminster  
1984 - 1985 Basic Grade Occupational Therapist, Moorhaven Hospital, Ivybridge

## Awards

Winner, *Tissue Viability Award*, British Journal of Nursing Awards, 2011  
Runner up *Tissue Viability Award*, Nursing in Practice Awards, NEC, November 2010  
Winner *Team of the Year*, Nursing in Practice Awards, NEC, November 2010  
Runner up, *Team of the Year*, Eastbourne Business Awards, 2009

## Conference Presentations

Numerous conference presentations both Nationally and Internationally, including:

- Bulgarian Wound Management Conference: Sofia, Bulgaria: Invited Speaker
- EPUAP conference, Pisa, Italy: Invited Speaker
- EPUAP Tampere, Finland: Invited Speaker
- National Back Exchange 2006 Keynote Presentation
- Irish Wound Management Conference 2006 – Invited Speaker
- Naidex 2005-10 Invited Speaker, Pressure Care Workshops
- College of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference, 2006, 2007 and 2008 – Seating workshops
- Disabled Living Foundation 2008 – 9, Special Seating Study Days
- European Wound Management Conference, Lisbon, Portugal 2008 – Invited Speaker
- All Ireland Occupational Therapy Conference, 2011. Seating Workshop
- Primary Care Live, 2011. Invited speaker