

Wheel of Health Clinical Profile

Jo McConnell

Senior Clinical Associate | Occupational Therapist

Role	Senior Clinical Associate
Profession	Occupational Therapist
Professional registration	HCPC registered Occupational Therapist
Region	Worcester / Midlands
Specialist focus	Paediatrics, specialist equipment, posture management and pressure care

Professional profile

Jo McConnell is highly experienced in posture and mobility with adults and children, with particular expertise in paediatric equipment provision, complex posture and specialist bespoke seating. She has worked in NHS, charity and commercial settings and continues to practise as an Occupational Therapist alongside independent work. Jo has a strong background in paediatric rehabilitation, pressure care, specialist equipment, standing and gait training. She has presented and educated nationally and internationally and has developed training material for therapists working with pressure injuries and paediatric seating assessment.

Specialist clinical expertise

- Posture management for adults and children
- Paediatric cases and developmental disorders
- Specialist seating, positioning and pressure care equipment
- Standing and gait training equipment
- Amputees, spinal cord injury and acquired brain injury
- Training development and national/international education
- Complex equipment problem solving and statutory service navigation

Contribution to Wheel of Health

Jo brings broad specialist equipment knowledge, paediatric expertise and commercial insight to Wheel of Health. Her ability to understand the full impact of disability on the client and family supports the company's commitment to practical, tailored and future-focused recommendations that improve quality of life.

Clinical experience

Dates	Role / organisation	Relevant focus
2021 - Present	Independent Occupational Therapist specialising in Posture Management	Provides posture management assessment for adults and children.
2021 - Present	Independent Occupational Therapist, Chadsgrove Educational Trust	Works in a specialist college for young adults as part of a multidisciplinary team.
2022 - Present	Locum Occupational Therapist, Solihull and Staffordshire Wheelchair Services	Assesses clients for posture and mobility needs within wheelchair services.
2019 - 2022	Global Education, Etac	Delivered education and training in wheelchairs and pressure care.
2017 - 2019	Clinical Manager, Pressure Care and Special Seating, Etac R82 UK	Led clinical work in pressure care and special seating.
2002 - 2017	Mobility and Charity Sector Roles	Worked as Regional Mobility Therapist for Whizz-Kidz and Clinical Specialist for Ottobock Mobility Solutions.
1992 - 2002	Early Occupational Therapy Roles	Paediatric occupational therapy, regional posture and mobility services, wheelchairs and prosthetics.

Education and qualifications

- Diploma in Occupational Therapy, University Hospital Wales
- Baby Bobath, sensory integration, advanced paediatric splinting and specialist seating training
- Pressure mapping and complex seating training

Professional registration and memberships

- Health and Care Professions Council - Occupational Therapist
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists
- Posture and Mobility Group

Governance and quality assurance statement

Jo works within Wheel of Health's clinical governance framework and maintains appropriate professional registration, professional indemnity, continuing professional development and standards of documentation, communication, safeguarding and professional accountability. This supports consistent, person-centred assessment, clinically reasoned recommendations and high-quality reporting across Wheel of Health services.