

Wheel of Health Clinical Profile

Lauren Osborne

Senior Clinical Associate | Occupational Therapist

Role	Senior Clinical Associate
Profession	Occupational Therapist
Professional registration	HCPC registered Occupational Therapist
Region	Hertfordshire / North London
Specialist focus	24-hour posture management, wheelchair provision, specialist seating, education and clinical leadership

Professional profile

Lauren Osborne is a Senior Clinical Associate and Occupational Therapist specialising in wheelchair provision, specialist seating and 24-hour posture management. She has extensive wheelchair service experience, including clinical leadership at Barnet Wheelchair Service, where she has led the development of a new service, recruited and supervised staff, managed complex caseloads and reported on service performance. Lauren works with children and adults with complex disabilities and has particular experience in custom seating, postural buggies, powered wheelchair controls, pressure care and equipment trials. She also brings academic credibility through university teaching, clinical writing and publication of her MSc dissertation in the British Journal of Occupational Therapy.

Specialist clinical expertise

- 24-hour posture management and prevention of secondary complications
- Wheelchair assessment, measurement, prescription and equipment handover
- Specialist seating, custom seating and postural buggies for children and adults
- Powered wheelchair provision, including consideration of specialist controls
- Pressure care, clinical reasoning and equipment trials
- Clinical leadership, service set-up, waiting list management and team supervision
- University teaching, clinical writing, research publication and professional education

Contribution to Wheel of Health

Lauren brings specialist wheelchair service experience, academic credibility and practical clinical leadership to Wheel of Health. Her Wheel of Health work includes comprehensive 24-hour postural care assessments for people with complex needs, including traumatic brain injury, complex polytrauma, amputations and cerebral palsy. She provides clinically reasoned recommendations for wheelchairs, static

seating, lying supports, profiling beds, hoists and slings, wheelchair-accessible vehicles and associated equipment, working closely with case managers, statutory and independent therapists, suppliers and wider multidisciplinary teams.

Clinical experience

Dates	Role / organisation	Relevant focus
June 2024 - Present	Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist, Ross Care - Barnet Wheelchair Service	Leads wheelchair, specialist seating and postural buggy provision within a new service. Holds the most complex caseload, including custom seating and specialist controls, supervises clinical staff, monitors budgetary spend and reports performance to the Integrated Care Board.
April 2024 - June 2024	Senior Wheelchair Therapist, Enfield Wheelchair Service	Assessed and prescribed wheelchairs and postural supports for children and adults. Coordinated school clinics and liaised with local therapy teams.
November 2022 - Present	Independent Occupational Therapist - Posture and Wheelchair Specialist	Provides posture and wheelchair assessments, reports, recommendations, equipment trial coordination and equipment handover support, with consideration of 24-hour posture management principles.
March 2022 - Present	Senior Associate, Wheel of Health	Provides comprehensive 24-hour postural care assessments and recommendations for wheelchairs, static seating, lying supports, profiling beds, hoists and slings, wheelchair-accessible vehicles and associated equipment.
June 2021 - Present	Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, University of Hertfordshire	Teaches and assesses pre-registration occupational therapy apprentices, acts as module lead and personal tutor, develops educational content and contributes to placement assessment development using the RCOT Career Development Framework.
October 2013 - September 2022	Specialist Occupational Therapist, Hertfordshire Wheelchair Service	Progressed from Band 6 to Band 7. Assessed and prescribed wheelchairs and specialist seating, supervised staff and students, developed Personal Wheelchair Budgets with NHS England and presented MSc work at PMG Conference.

May 2013 - October 2013	Specialist Occupational Therapist, Newham Wheelchair and Specialist Seating Service	Assessed and prescribed wheelchairs and specialist seating for children and adults with disability and mobility requirements.
2009 - 2013	Earlier occupational therapy and support roles	Worked in acute, community and rehabilitation settings with experience in functional assessment, equipment provision, discharge planning, cognitive rehabilitation, adaptations and multidisciplinary working.

Education and qualifications

- Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education, University of Hertfordshire
- MSc Rehabilitation and Posture Management, Oxford Brookes University - Merit
- Posture Management for Adults and Children with Complex Disabilities, Oxford Centre for Enablement - Merit
- BSc Occupational Therapy, Oxford Brookes University - 2:1
- Business and Marketing Foundation Degree and HND, University of Hertfordshire

Professional registration and memberships

- Health and Care Professions Council - Occupational Therapist (OT60047)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists - Professional Member (BT0238672)

Governance and quality assurance statement

Lauren 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.