

Wheel of Health Clinical Profile

Neil Eakins

Associate | Occupational Therapist

Role	Associate
Profession	Occupational Therapist
Professional registration	HCPC registered Occupational Therapist
Region	North Wales
Specialist focus	Wheelchair services, postural assessment, equipment and community rehabilitation

Professional profile

Neil Eakins is an experienced Occupational Therapist with over 20 years of service within NHS and social care. His expertise includes communication, safeguarding, complex manual handling, falls assessment and core occupational therapy assessment. He has developed a specialist interest in postural assessment and has worked within wheelchair services in North Wales, gaining product knowledge across sleep systems, static seating and wheelchairs. Neil works autonomously and as part of multidisciplinary teams and is committed to person-centred outcomes, strong documentation and practical equipment solutions.

Specialist clinical expertise

- Assessment of complex postural needs
- Wheelchair, cushion and pressure care assessment
- Sleep systems and static seating equipment
- Complex manual handling and safeguarding
- Community rehabilitation and falls assessment
- Environmental, cognitive and functional assessment
- Strategic thinking, stock awareness and caseload organisation

Contribution to Wheel of Health

Neil brings broad occupational therapy experience and a developing specialist wheelchair service focus to Wheel of Health. His community, rehabilitation, manual handling and equipment background supports practical assessment and person-centred recommendations for clients with complex postural and functional needs.

Clinical experience

Dates	Role / organisation	Relevant focus
January 2026 - Present	Associate, Wheel of Health	Provides assessment of clients with complex postural needs and recommends suitable equipment to manage posture.
September 2021 - Present	Wheelchair Therapist, North Wales Posture and Mobility Service	Assesses clients with complex postural and pressure care needs, including wheelchair and cushion provision.
2011 - 2021	Community Occupational Therapist, Nottingham Community Rehabilitation and Falls Team	Assessed clients with complex needs, posture and pressure care needs, seating, sleep systems, falls, hand, environmental and cognitive assessments.

Education and qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, University of Liverpool - 2:2
- Oxford postural management course, Wrexham University

Professional registration and memberships

- Health and Care Professions Council - Occupational Therapist

Governance and quality assurance statement

Neil 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.