



Areas of Expertise (Adults)

- Brain injuries
- Spinal cord injuries
- Neurological rehabilitation
- Functional neurological disorder
- Progressive neurological conditions
- Disorders of consciousness
- Amputation, upper and lower limb
- Orthopaedic injuries
- Major and polytrauma
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Psychological conditions including post-traumatic stress

Professional Registration and Memberships

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
- British Association of Brain Injury and Complex Case Management (BABICM)

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Physiology, Sligo Institute of Technology, Ireland
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Public Health and Health Promotion, Sligo Institute of Technology, Ireland
- Post Graduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy, Southbank University, London

Nichola Sweeney

BSc BSc(Hons) PGDip(OT)

Case Manager

Personal Statement

Nichola is a registered occupational therapist (OT) who qualified in 2016. She has broad clinical experience within the NHS, community rehabilitation, social services and the medico legal sector.

In the NHS Nichola worked at St George's University Hospital, developing expertise both clinically and in complex discharge planning. Specialising in neurology, Nichola subsequently became a senior OT across Wandsworth and Merton's Community Neuro Teams, managing a complex and varied caseload of clients with neurological conditions including traumatic brain injury, stroke, spinal injury, neuro oncology, progressive neurological disorders and complex polytrauma, enabling them to remain at home.

Nichola then worked in the complex team for Hammersmith and Fulham Council, assessing for and recommending major and minor housing adaptations, assistive technology, equipment to promote function and enable access to essential facilities in the local community, and supporting residents to apply for rehousing. Her clinical caseload comprised people with a range of neurological, psychological, emotional, behavioural and social problems and age-related conditions. Nichola developed her knowledge of key legislation, skills in working with people with reduced mental capacity, undertook continuing health care and health needs assessments and managed complex care packages.

As a case manager, Nichola comprehensively assesses client needs, arranges care and rehabilitation services, coordinates multidisciplinary teams, liaises closely with healthcare and legal parties and advocates for her clients, to optimise their function and quality of life.

Nichola maintains her professional registration as an OT and undertakes continuing professional development relevant to her role as a case manager by attending conferences, training and clinical supervision.