

AKA helps and empowers people to live life after a devastating, traumatic injury. We promise to listen, nurture and guide as their happiness and wellbeing underpins everything we do. We focus on practical and emotional support in the community and drive the industry for consistently high standards of performance and professionalism.

Gillian Gorry
Case Manager

Based in: Manchester

Expertise: Adult, brain injury, psychiatric difficulties, drug/alcohol abuse

Case Manager (April 2019 – Present)

Working at AKA Case Management Limited to provide a collaborative service that assesses, plans, implements, monitors and evaluates support options and services that meet the unique needs of a person who has suffered traumatic injury.

Examples of my experience includes:

- Working with an individual with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) to live independently in the community with a flexible support package, following a successful transition from a long term residential setting.
- Currently supporting clients to access a range of leisure, educational and vocational opportunities including; volunteering, College and University courses, music, and a range of sporting activities.
- Experience working with clients who have ABI, psychiatric difficulties, drug and alcohol addictions.
- Successfully navigated the social care assessment process and been able to access substantial direct payment contributions for my clients.
- Supporting clients with PIP and ESA benefits assessments and to access social housing.
- Been directly commissioned as a Case Manager by local CCG's.
- Supporting a number of clients to move home and successfully transition into independent living.
- Working collaboratively with clients, their families, carers and professionals to ensure a comprehensive and holistic approach is taken.
- Supporting clients with positive parenting roles, whether they be full time parenting or supervised contact.
- Working alongside an MDT and support team to set realistic and meaningful goals and ensure a proactive approach is taken for the client to achieve these.
- Able to build positive and lasting therapeutic relationships with clients and their families, so that they feel supported through difficult processes.

Achievements

- Held several positions with the North West Region, Royal College of Occupational Therapists committee over the past 7 years, and I am the current membership network lead.
- Part of the OTalk Team Project which is a weekly online discussion forum for Occupational Therapists and has been running almost 9 years. As part of the team I have attended many conferences to deliver workshops and share our research findings.

- 2016 - I contributed to an editorial in the British Journal of Occupational Therapy about creating online communities of research and practice.
- This year I will be presenting at the National RCOT 2019 conference alongside a service user, on what Occupational Therapists can learn from listening to service user experience.

Professional Memberships

- Registered Practitioner Member of British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM)
- HCPC Registered Occupational Therapist
- Member of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists