

**Gillian Gorry**  
Clinical Case Manager

**Based in:** Manchester

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

**Clinical 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