**Understanding Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness and Physical Management: Strategies to Optimise Assessment and Ability**

Thursday 4 November 2021

Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, London UK

Accurate assessment and prognosis of a person in a disorder of consciousness (DoC) requires a collaborative team approach to observing and understanding signs of awareness, to make conclusions about current and predicted abilities.

Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists have an essential role to play in maximising an individuals’ potential to demonstrate awareness and understand their capability for recovery, in addition to routine physical management.

We are inviting a small group of participants (maximum of eight therapists) to join us on this study day. Through a range of interdisciplinary speakers, lectures, class room based activities and practical sessions, this new one day course from the RHN will support Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists with some experience working with people in disorders of consciousness to:

* Update their knowledge of DoC definitions and diagnosis – as per the current evidence base
* Understand the relevance and importance of robust individualised assessment and understand how to flex assessment around the person
* Interpret clinical signs of awareness and their significance to potential recovery in order to contribute to interdisciplinary assessments of awareness
* Understand and influence the role of the PT/OT in optimising a person’s ability to demonstrate awareness through a 24 hour approach to rest, postural management, environmental stimulus and enrichment
* Understand and influence the role of pharmacology on pain, spasticity and alertness
* Understand the neurophysiological influences on alertness and how these can be influenced within PT/OT treatment sessions to enhance awareness and understand current or potential ability

This course will include interdisciplinary speakers from within the RHN and is run in collaboration with Helen Lindfield, Lead Clinician Heads Up Neuro-rehab, Consultant Physiotherapist & Bobath Tutor

**Lead Facilitator**

Teresa Clark, Professional Lead and Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist

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**Cost per delegate: £100**

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**Venue:** Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, London.

**Conference fees include refreshments and lunch**

**Cancellations/refunds:** A refund, less 20% administration fee will be made if cancellations are received in writing at least 4 weeks before the course. We regret that refunds cannot be made for cancellation or non-attendance after this time. Substitute attendees are welcome at any time.