

Ellen Newcombe

Therapy Assistant

BTEC Level 3 Advanced diploma in Paediatric Speech and Language
Therapy Support
City & guilds NVQ Childcare and Education Level 3

DBS Certificate 001659569749



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Professional Profile

Ellen Newcombe is a Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant within an interdisciplinary team, in addition to this she also works as a Speech and Language Therapy Technical Instructor within the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Both roles are within community working with clients with complex and chronic neurological condition such as Parkinson's, stroke, MND, Huntington's, dementia and brain injury, complex orthopaedic and nerve injuries. Ellen has been in her role for nearly 10 years.

Ellen's role is to work alongside the therapists to support with implementing interdisciplinary rehabilitation programmes to ensure that clients receive a holistic approach. This has included: mobility programmes, hand and upper limb therapy, cognitive rehabilitation, working with people with aphasia, oral or verbal dyspraxia, dysarthria or cognitive communication impairments.

Previously Ellen worked at a local day nursery running the day to day care of the baby and toddler units. Ellen also worked with children from primary to high school age as a learning support assistant helping children with Down's syndrome, Autism and ADHD achieve their daily goals. Ellen is a first language Welsh speaker and is an enthusiastic and well – motivated individual, who strives to achieve a high standard in all tasks and is committed to self-development. Ellen works as part of a large team of professionals such as social services, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, GP's, consultants, nurses and many other MDT professionals. Ellen is responsible for her own caseload of clients. Ellen also has input in main hospitals, community hospitals, North Wales Brain injury service and nursing /residential homes, providing her with an opportunity to work across acute and rehabilitation settings.

Additional roles that Ellen is responsible for are :-

- CHC Training- Assisting with training trained nurses and health cares in swallowing, mouth care etc.
- Swallow Education – Training and supporting family members on thickening fluids and textured diets.
- Parkinson Groups – Holding groups for Parkinson's patients and their family. Working on voice clarity and volume increase
- Impairment based therapy with inpatients and home visits
- Bell's Palsy Facial therapy – Orofacial muscle stimulation
- Functional therapy – Taking people out to regain confidence
- Incorporating use of both low and high-tech communication aids, including communication books, iPads and eye-gaze technology
- Attending groups and workshops
- Supporting University students
- Preparing all resources for therapy sessions.
- Attending MDT Meetings.
- Liaising closely with Stroke Association and Parkinson UK.
- Supporting with Dementia Groups.
- Attending regular PADR and General Team meetings.
- Occupational and physiotherapy exercises with clients as direct by the therapists.

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As patients have a range of backgrounds and personalities, Ellen ensures her interaction with them and their families is always respectful and appropriate. This is also true for people with cultural and linguistic differences, for whom assistance from skilled interpreters may be needed.

Professional and personal development is something which Ellen is particularly enthusiastic. Ellen aims to be familiar with relevant research and ensure her practice is evidence based where possible. Ellen always adheres to best practice guidelines as well as local / national policies and procedures.

Professional Qualification and Membership

Dysphagia Competencies (2017 – ongoing)

*LSVT Loud (2016)

*BTEC Level 3 Advanced diploma in Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Support (2009)

*NOCN Speech and Language support in the classroom Elklan (2008)

*NOCN Catch up primary School Programme (2006)

*City & guilds NVQ Childcare and Education Level 3 (2005)

*City & guilds NVQ Childcare and Education Level 2 (2000).

*Denbighshire Childcare Partnership in using music and craft with children (1999)

*BTEC in Health and Social Care (1997)

*Dyfal Donc welsh reading support for primary and secondary children.

*All relevant Mandatory Training Courses up to date.

Awards:

2011 – BCUHB Achievement Award for Services to bilingual Care (Highly commended).

2015 – BCUHB Achievement Award for Improving patient safety within the community.

Experience & Employment History

2019 – present – United Rehab Solutions – Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant

2010 – Present - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – Speech and Language Therapy Technical Instructor

2000 – 2010 Denbighshire County Council – Education, Learning Support Assistant

1997-2000 Miri Meithrin Welsh Day Nursery, Nursery Nurse.

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