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Curriculum Vitae

Qualification

Registered Nurse (child) – 1999

Membership and affiliations

Registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council

Member of the Royal College of Nursing

Experience

I am a paediatric nurse with 19 year's post registration experience, working with children within a hospital and community setting.

I began my nursing career in 1999 at Sheffield Children's hospital working on the general surgical / neurosurgical ward. During my time on the neurosurgical ward I cared for children with various neurological conditions including brain tumours, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, autism, syndromes and acquired brain injuries. Caring for children with acute neurological injury requires specialist knowledge and skills to support the child and family through this life changing period and to teach the child / family / caregivers the clinical skills that may be required to care for the child.

In 2004 I accepted a position as senior staff nurse caring for children with acute and chronic surgical and medical conditions. I was responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating patient care, mentoring and supervising staff, clinical care, leading the ward on a day to day basis, liaising daily with members of the MDT to ensure the optimum recovery for the child in our care and to facilitate a safe discharge home.

In 2012 I made the transition from hospital to community to manage a 24 hour nursing care package for a child with complex medical needs. I managed the package for 6 years and worked closely with the child, family and the multi-disciplinary team of professionals involved, on a daily basis, from pre to post settlement. Establishing the care package, recruiting staff, moving to the new adapted family home, working with and within the school and later transitioning child to a new school.

My role was to manage a team of highly skilled nurses to deliver a high quality nursing and domiciliary care package. As part of this role I formulated and implemented policies, procedures and care plans to ensure safe, effective and consistent care was delivered. I was responsible for all the training and on-going competence of the staff, family, school and other care providers.

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I have specialist knowledge and training in the following areas:-

Enteral feeding (gastrostomy, PEJ, NG) CP, moving and handling, epilepsy, oxygen management, tracheostomy, promoting continence including catheterisation, administration of regular and emergency medications, CPR, end of life care, oral and nasal suction, home IV's, risk assessment, pain management and Makaton (although a bit rusty!)

In 2018 I accepted a position with CCMS as a Case Manager. My experience in both the hospital and community setting enables me to use my skills to support children / young people and their families, in the transition into the community, to effectively plan, deliver and manage their rehabilitation and ongoing needs alongside the MDT. My understanding of neurological conditions and complex care requirements in young people ensures that I understand the need for timely, skilled care in order to optimise a client's recovery.

I have experience in the wide and varied work of case management including undertaking initial assessments, providing costed reports, recruiting for and providing ongoing support to care packages both within the domestic and education setting, providing witness statements and liaising with professionals to support the litigation process. I provide case management to clients who have acquired brain injury and cerebral palsy as a result of birth injury. I have worked with clients and professionals from the fields of personal and serious injury and clinical negligence.

I enjoy working with children and their families and believe that building a positive, supportive relationship is imperative to maximise recovery and ensure that everyone feels supported and informed throughout the various transition stages of a young person's life.