

**Name: Leanne Stache**

**Profession: Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist**

Qualification: BHSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

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**Special Interests: Brain injury, Mental Health, Learning disabilities, Cognitive rehabilitation, Insight and awareness, Behavioural and emotional presentation**

**Base: Sheffield**

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### **Personal Statement, Experience and Employment:**

Leanne qualified as an Occupational Therapist from York St John University in 2007. She began working for Cambian Group in specialist mental health services as a basic grade Occupational Therapist providing residential rehabilitation, with an emphasis upon community re-integration and development of functional skills, working as part of an interdisciplinary team.

Leanne was promoted to senior Occupational Therapist within the Cambian group working across both female and male mental health services before progressing to work with learning disabilities within the company. Leanne was able to use her transferable skills from these roles to pursue her career working within the community, where she developed a passion for working with individuals with neurological conditions, through working with clients experiencing dual diagnosis. Key roles and responsibilities within these roles included assessing for, planning, implementing and evaluating client centred goal directed rehabilitation, working collaboratively with clients and family, producing detailed progress reports, making ongoing recommendations, establishing therapeutic programmes within the unit, and within clients' own homes, and service development to enhance the client experience.

Within this role Leanne had the opportunity to complete her sensory integration level one training. This has been something that she has been keen to implement into rehabilitation programmes, supporting clients particularly those with behavioural presentation.

In 2015 Leanne began working for the Huntercombe group as Lead Occupational Therapist in a specialist Neurological Rehabilitation Service, where she was responsible for overall service delivery, developing a responsive and flexible service to meet the client needs. Leanne's role focused on liaising with clients and families in order to plan meaningful and purposeful therapy goals, whilst ensuring commitment to multi-disciplinary approaches. The clients within this service presented with many complex needs including those related to traumatic injury, neurological incidents, mental ill health and learning disabilities. Within this role Leanne has demonstrated her commitment to continuing professional development and client work through completion of outcome measures training enabling holistic and measured practice.

In 2019 Leanne began working for JSP, within their Occupational Therapy team. Within this role Leanne demonstrated her ability to establish goal centred, holistic rehabilitation programmes with the medico-legal framework. This role enabled Leanne to develop her knowledge of case management and litigation. In addition to her clinical work, she was

responsible for the supervision of Occupational Therapists, playing a key role in developing the occupational therapy team, and contributing to the overall quality of the service provided.

Leanne has demonstrated the ability to collate her skills and experience to embed these into her practice at Smart Rehabilitation, joining the team in July 2025 as Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist. Leanne remains passionate about client centred rehabilitation, and MDT collaboration, ensuring this remains at the core of her clinical practice.

Throughout her career Leanne has been committed to continuing her professional development, ensuring that her clients and their needs are at the core of any training undertaken. Leanne has a special interest in the application of sensory strategies particularly when working with individuals experiencing cognitive and behavioural presentation.

**Continuous Professional Development (CPD):** A requirement of professional registration is undertaking and recording (CPD). Examples include courses in:

- Assessment of motor and process skills
- Sleep assessment and management foundation course
- Sensory integration module 1
- How to do cognitive rehabilitation

**Key areas of expertise:**

- **Brain injury**
- **Mental Health**
- **Learning disabilities**
- **Cognitive rehabilitation**
- **Insight and awareness**
- **Behavioural and emotional presentation**

**Professional Affiliations:**

- HCPC registered
- RCOT registered

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**Additional Information**

Full UK clean driving Licence

CRB/DBS Checked