

## **BERYL HANLEY (Ducker) – CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Qualifications:** CQSW, (Governing Body CCETSW) PQ1; Ten years experience as dedicated Social Worker to the Yorkshire Regional Spinal Injuries Centre; RSW (Registered Social Worker) Practice Teacher for DIPSW students; Member of CMSUK (Case Managers Society); Member of BASW (British Association of Social Workers); Member of MASCIP (Multidisciplinary Association of Spinal Cord Injury) Member of BISWG (Brain Injury Social Work Group)

### **Summary of Experience in Practice:**

My career began in 1976. Although I specialise in spinal cord injuries my experience is wide and varied and covers many client groups. These include: older people in residential, hospital and community settings; adolescents; generic social work in community settings; orthopaedic wards in a general hospital setting. I have 10 years experience as a dedicated Social Worker with the Yorkshire Regional Spinal Injuries Centre at Pinderfields Hospital. I have also worked as a Social Worker in the Regional Burns Centre at Pinderfields in Wakefield. My community experience involved working with physically disabled people of less than 65 years. My client groups included clients with spinal injuries, head injuries, neurological conditions and various disabling diseases. In addition I have also had short placements in a large psychiatric hospital and a centre for people with profound learning disabilities. In 2005 I started my own Case Management business and I am now an Independent Case Manager specialising in Spinal Cord Injury and Acquired Brain Injury.

### **Work History:**

**1975 – 1977:** Assistant Social Worker in large busy generic social work team.

**1977 – 1978:** Residential Care Worker with adolescents.

**1980:** I qualified as a Social Worker by successfully completing the CQSW in Leeds, West Yorkshire. My first qualified post was serving a busy General Hospital on the orthopaedic wards. Duties included assessment and care management, to liaise and co-ordinate services and agencies, advocacy, and to facilitate service users rights to receive their benefits etc.

**1982 – 1993:** Career break to bring up family.

**1993 - 2003:** During this time I was a dedicated Social Worker on the Yorkshire Regional Spinal Injuries Centre. I also covered the Regional Major Burns Centre. Duties involved assessments and case management, advocacy, facilitation of service users' rights to appropriate Care, housing, benefits, aids and adaptations. In addition I assisted with benefit applications and the engagement of specialist legal representation when appropriate. I also worked with service users and their families to facilitate timely discharge. I co-ordinated and liaised with community agencies, including community social services departments, health professionals, housing agencies, independent living organisations, care agencies, solicitors, police, probation, and benefit agencies, etc. My goal was to optimise and promote a person's independence and quality of life, providing counselling to the service user and family members as they adjusted to life changing trauma. I provided follow-through support on a life-long basis for spinal cord injured and major burns service users. In addition I also provided specialist advice and information to outside agencies and personnel. As part of multi-disciplinary team I regularly delivered education programmes to patients and family members. I was a practice teacher for Bradford, York and Open University DIPSW Students.

**2003:** Wakefield Social Services and Health conducted a full review of services in 2003 and I was withdrawn from the Spinal Injuries Centre and redeployed into the community due to economic restructuring and perceived community needs. I worked in a community-based team for people with physical disabilities who are under 65 years of age. Client groups include brain Injuries, spinal cord injuries, neurological conditions and diseases, and congenital conditions. My duties involve working with the service user, performing assessments and providing case management services including the monitoring of care provision and advocacy.

**2005:** I set up my own business as a Case Manager, in association with CPI Mediation Services. I provide case management services, specialising in spinal injuries and acquired Brain Injury and work with people who have suffered either personal injuries or medical negligence injuries. Due to the success of my business, in 2006 I gave notice to Social Services to cease being in their employment to be able to work full time as a Case Manager.