



## Curriculum Vitae

### **Rowan Ranner - Associate Speech & Language Therapist**

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#### **Personal Profile**

I am a highly experienced community-based speech and language therapist, specialising in adults with acquired brain injuries. With over 19 years of clinical experience, I have highly developed specialist knowledge and clinical skills in assessment, differential diagnosis, treatment planning and delivery, collaborative interdisciplinary working, training and report writing.

I have a refined ability to analyse and integrate highly complex information, to dovetail information from my clinical findings with the client's past and existing social, clinical, psychological, relationship and vocational circumstances, and to logically present this information in a cohesive and coherent, evidence-based report format.

I have a sound understanding and appreciation of the nature of medico-legal work and my role as an expert witness.

#### **Employment History**

- **June 2021 - Present**                      **Speech Therapy North East Ltd**  
Independent Speech and Language Therapist (Associate)
  
- **October 2019 - Present**                      **Cumbria Community Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Team – North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust**  
Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

This role includes working with patients whose impairments, levels of participation (including social and vocational functioning) and psychological support and adjustments needs vary from very high level and subtle, to profound and complex. My role includes working with patients who are in, or emerging from a persistent disorder of consciousness, those with significant neuro-behavioural difficulties, to those returning to their pre-injury vocational, family and social

roles. I aim to work collaboratively with patients, families and other health professionals in order to provide holistic communication and dysphagia education, guidance, support, assessment and intervention, set within an evidenced based goal orientated framework.

- **January 2018 - June 2018**                      **South Cumbria Adult Learning Disability Team**  
Bank staff
  
- **December 2008 - September 2019**                      **Cumbria Community Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation**  
**Cumbria Partnership Foundation NHS Mental Health Trust**  
Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
  
- **May 2004 - December 2008**                      **Morecambe Bay Primary Care Trust's Department of Health**  
**Credited "Specialist Rehabilitation Team for Adults with Acquired Injuries"**  
Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
  
- **May 2003 - May 2004**                      **Sheffield SALT Agency: Sheffield South West Primary Care Trust**  
Split post: Acute neurology and adults with learning disabilities
  
- **September 2001 - May 2003**                      **Sheffield SALT Agency: Sheffield South West Primary Care Trust**  
Adult Neurology Rotation, encompassing Acute Neurology Wards, Stroke Rehabilitation Unit and Community Rehabilitation Team.

### **Qualifications**

- **1997 – 2001**                      BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy. 2:1 with Distinction  
**University of Manchester**                      in Clinical Practice.
  
- **2003**                      30 credit points - MSc Level in "The Assessment and  
**Sheffield Hallam**                      Management of Adults with Dysphagia". 1st class grade.  
**University**

### **Continued Professional Development**

- A two-day introduction to Cognitive Analytical Therapy: 2021
- Cognitive Communication Symposium: 2-day conference: 2021
- Advanced Motivational Interviewing in Acquired Brain Injury: ABISolutions: 2021
- Swallowing and Nutrition: Navigating Risk, Complexity and Ethical Dilemmas (The Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability): 2021

- Cognitive Communication Disorder: Facilitating Communication in Complex Brain Injury (The Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability): 2021
- Introduction to Motivational interviewing in Brain Injury Rehabilitation delivered by ABI Solutions: 2021.
- Better Conversations Aphasia Training - University College London online course: 2020
- Acquired Brain Injury Clinical Excellence Network study day - Differential diagnosis between social cognition and cognitive-communication disorders: 2019
- Talking mats training: 2019
- Intermediate CBT skills for physical health settings including long term conditions, palliative care and cancer - 2016 (with ongoing regular and frequent clinical supervision)
- Manchester Post Basic Dysphagia Course – 2015
- Bond Solon Course: Excellence in report writing for Expert Witnesses - September 2006

### **Memberships**

- Registered Member of The Health and Care Professions Council (SL07834)
- Registered Member of The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RC00117779)
- Registered Member RCSLT's Clinical Excellence Network for Acquired Brain Injury.
- Registered Member of The Association Speech and Language in Therapists in Independent Practice.