



Erica Gandy

Assistive Technology Consultant

An Assistive Technology Consultant at access: technology since May 2019, based in Harrogate, specialising in promoting independence for sensory impaired clients through assistive technology.

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Employment

ACCESS: TECHNOLOGY NORTH LTD
2019–Present
Assistive Technology Consultant

HENSHAWS SOCIETY FOR BLIND PEOPLE
2001–2019
Rehabilitation Officer // Support Worker

INDEPENDENT LIVING
1999–2001
Care Officer

References on request.

Personal Profile

- A qualified Rehabilitation Officer for visually impaired people and registered Habilitation Specialist
- Extensive Experience working in a Specialist Educational Needs setting offering training, advice and information regarding all aspects of sensory needs
- Experience of working as a care assistant, supporting people with various disabilities to live with independence and dignity

Education & Qualifications

REHADAPT (2021)
Specialist Wheelchair Mounting Certification

THE MAKATON CHARITY (2017)
Makaton – Level 3 Certificate

OCN (2013)
Success for People with Autism – Level 3

HUDDERSFIELD UNIVERSITY (2011)
PTTLS

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY (2008)
DIPHE – Rehabilitation officer for visual Impairment

YORK COLLEGE (CITY & GUILDS) (2007)
Promoting independence – Level 3

YORK COLLEGE (CITY & GUILDS) (2005)
Supporting care practice – Level 3

LEEDS METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY (2003)
Certificate in care of people with a visual impairment

Erica Gandy - Current Caseload:

Supporting multiple clients:

- children and adults
- located across the UK
- with acquired brain injury, cerebral palsy, autism, down syndrome, sensory impairments, PMLD, behavioural and social/emotional difficulties
- at home and in both mainstream and special education settings

Responsibilities:

- Carrying out initial assessments of need in clients' home and school environments
- Compiling personalised recommendation reports and costings for assistive technology solutions, intervention, development and training
- Attending and contributing toward EHCP review processes and MDT meetings
- Set up and ongoing maintenance of recommended AT solutions
- Parent/staff/carer/school training
- Development and delivery of bespoke intervention sessions designed to ensure clients' confidence and efficiency in using AT solutions
- Regular review of AT provision to support the client in the achievement of current goals and to offer solutions to any anticipated/current barriers to access, independence, learning or entertainment as they arise

School Support:

- evaluating their assistive technology provision
- offering advice and guidance regarding both software and hardware solutions pertinent to the effective education of all pupils
- delivering bespoke staff training

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