

Information and Knowledge Exchange Speaker biographies



Kelly Smith, Advanced Physiotherapist – Newcastle MND Care Centre

Kelly is an Advanced Physiotherapist at the Newcastle Motor Neurone Disease Care Centre. She qualified as a Physiotherapist in 2008 and following work in other areas of Neuro-Physiotherapy, specialised in MND in 2017.

Kelly is involved in all aspects of holistic physiotherapy assessment and treatment to support management of patients with MND, including respiratory, exercise and activity and optimising function and mobility.



Jenny Rolfe, Consultant Occupational Therapist

Jenny qualified in 1997 and completed her MSc in Neuro-rehabilitation in 2007. From August 2009 Jenny has been funded full time by the MNDA Association to develop NHS wheelchair services across the UK to help improve wheelchair provision for people living with MND.

Jenny has presented work at the International Alliance of MND Associations Allied Health Professionals Symposium and published articles in British Journal of Occupational Therapy, and Posture Mobility Group Journal.



Vivien Horton, Advanced Clinical Pharmacist - Neurosciences, James Cook Hospital

Awaiting bio.

