



# Tony Finnigan



**Based In:** Chorley  
**Background:** Social Work  
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Drawing from extensive experience as a social worker in both adult and children’s services, Tony is adept at coordinating appropriate multi-disciplinary teams, taking a person-centred approach to case management. Tony has worked with clients and families who have complex needs and family dynamics and clients with challenging behaviour. Tony has worked with children and adults with learning and physical disabilities including cerebral palsy, acquired brain injuries and spinal cord injuries. Tony has experience working with clients with mental health issues such as bi-polar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety.

## CASE MANAGER / SENIOR CASE MANAGER REHAB WITHOUT WALLS

**JUNE 2014 - PRESENT**

Providing case management input for adults and children with acquired brain injury (including cerebral palsy) or spinal injury, who have complex rehabilitation and care needs.

This role involves:

- Assessing need for case management, care and rehabilitation
- Risk assessment and development of risk management strategies
- Designing, developing and monitoring multi-disciplinary rehabilitation packages
- Recruiting, training and managing support workers
- Coordinating services from the statutory and independent sectors

Since October 2016, Tony has been a senior case manager, providing supervision for a team of case managers and supporting the management team.

## KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Safeguarding and DoLS
- ✓ Drug & alcohol abuse
- ✓ Mental health
- ✓ Managing multi-disciplinary teams

“Tony is one of the best case managers I have worked with. Great insight, lots of humour and patience, great empathy with client and family, nothing missed, diplomatic, really caring, goes the extra mile. When the claim settles, I feel I can leave my client in safe hands with him.”

– Solicitor, 2015

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Certificate of Qualification in Social Work & Diploma in Social Work (University of Central Lancashire) **1993**
- BSc (Hons) Health & Social Care Management (Edge Hill University College) **2003**

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## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- **Blackburn with Darwen Council**  
**Area Manager – Adult Social Care** Jun 2009 – May 2014  
Part of the senior management team with specific operational responsibilities for several teams in adult social care, including the learning disabilities team, hospital and community social work teams and the emergency duty team. Took overall operational responsibility for the borough's adult safeguarding team, including the role of Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) and operational lead for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS).  
Chaired the department's Finance Protection panel, the local Extra Care housing panel, Adult Protection / Safeguarding case conferences and other multi-disciplinary meetings.  
Social care lead for the department's drug and alcohol service, and represented them in steering and planning groups for the Council's wider drug and alcohol strategy.  
Responsible for commissioning and monitoring overall budgets for care packages and personal budgets.
- **Bolton Council**  
**Team Leader – Adults with Disabilities team** Jan 2004 – May 2009  
Managed and supervised an integrated Health and Social Care team.  
Provided social care assessments and risk management plans for people with learning and physical disabilities, long term conditions, acquired brain injury and sensory impairments, as well as people with a forensic profile.  
Responsible for safeguarding investigations and for chairing case conferences, best interest meetings and other multidisciplinary meetings.  
Monitored spending at a team level to ensure best value, best practice and quality assurance. Commissioning responsibilities included decisions about long term planning, care packages and day provision.
- **Lancashire County Council**  
**Team Leader – Child Care Initial Assessment Team** Nov 2002 – Dec 2004  
Managed a team of child care social workers, with responsibility for supervision, development and performance management of the team. Worked with colleagues in other areas of the council, including legal, housing and education departments.
- **Reed Social Care**  
**Agency Social Worker** Sep 2001 – Nov 2002
- **Wigan Social Services**  
**Family Centre Manager** Oct 1999 – Sep 2001  
Responsible for the running of a community family centre with the under 8s service.
- **Wigan Social Services**  
**Qualified Social Worker** Oct 1993 – Oct 1999  
Worked with dysfunctional families, parents with learning disability and complex health problems and children with disabilities. Managed a number of highly complex cases and specialised in fostering and adoption work, preparing reports and giving evidence in court.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- HCPC – Health & Care Professions Council
- BABICM – British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers