

About : Kit Malia and Anne Brannagan O.B.E



Mr Kit Malia BED, MPhil, CPCRT, is the only Certificated Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapist in the UK (via the Society for Cognitive Rehabilitation, USA), with a research degree in Neuropsychology. He initially trained as a teacher for people with learning disabilities and, following 6 years of teaching, spent over two decades working as a cognitive rehabilitation therapist with adults who have acquired neurological injuries, at one of the largest brain injury rehabilitation units in the UK: The Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Headley Court.

His current role is Project Officer for the mild Traumatic Brain Injury Programme at Headley Court where he is responsible for managing the delivery, by the multi-disciplinary team, of the specialised programme he designed and produced. He has published scientific papers on cognitive and psychosocial rehabilitation, and clinical standards in brain injury rehabilitation. He is the primary author of Brainwave-R (an extensive collection of cognitive strategies and techniques for brain injury rehabilitation).

Kit has also co-authored The Brain Injury Workbook with Dr Trevor Powell. Mr Malia has lectured at various conferences in Canada, USA, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, The Netherlands, Belgium, Slovenia, New Zealand and the UK. He is the invited International Fellow in Cognitive Rehabilitation for the Institute for Complex Neurodisability. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Society for Cognitive Rehabilitation, USA, and is the chairperson of the International Division for the SCR.



Ms Anne Brannagan OBE, DIPCOT, MSc, qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 1988 from the London school. She did a two year orthopaedic rotation before specialising in Neurorehabilitation at the Defence Services Rehabilitation Centre Headley Court. She gained a research master's degree with distinction from Kings College in 1993.

Ms Brannagan is particularly interested in the cognitive and executive sequelae of acquired brain injury. She runs workshops with Kit Malia, training both professionals working in the field and carers of brain injured individuals around the country. In addition, she has lectured on cognition at conferences in the UK, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, The Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand, Slovenia and the USA. She is currently the membership chair of the Society for Cognitive Rehabilitation and co-organised a conference on cognitive rehabilitation in Birmingham in 1999. She is an active member of the College of Occupational Therapy Specialist Section Neurological Practice and held the position of Chair from September 2003-2006. She currently sits on the COT Specialist Section Neurological Practice Brain Injury Forum subgroup, writing clinical guidelines for patients with ABI.

Ms Brannagan has developed a number of rehabilitation activities, including a practical approach to the assessment of executive problems (The Brannagan Executive Functions Assessment) following brain injury and cognitive/psychosocial groups. Her current role is Complex Trauma Manager at Headley Court where she is responsible for managing the multi-disciplinary team. She was awarded the OBE in January 2010 for services provided to rehabilitation.