



A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF JENNIFER M WHITTALL LTD - THE TEAM AND CLIENTS

# Thinking OUTSIDE THE BOX

Edition 5

## News

## Spring 2019



### A big thank you .....

To Stewarts for their hospitality at the Calcuttner Cup at Twickenham, which was a most enjoyable day. Of course, we would also like to pay homage to Wales - well done on their third grand slam in 11 years!



Congratulations also to Jodie who completed the 10 mile walk around the Great Orme on 23<sup>rd</sup> March in aid of Autism Directory.



### Welcome to our Spring Edition.

We would like to focus this season on Assistive Technology and how it is used by and benefiting some of our clients providing some of our clients.

For example Lisa has a number of clients who make use of this amazing technology, here are just a few:

Male client in his mid-40s who is blind, uses a powered wheelchair and lives alone. One night, whilst in bed he thought he heard someone trying to enter his property, by using Alexa to “turn on the lights” disturbed the intruders who in turn left. This device is not only controlling lights around his home but is also being used to remind him of appointments too, giving him ability to live independently.

Child using an app allowing him to keep a daily calendar of his school timetable along with activities he is involved with outside of school. It lets his mum add checklists to help him remember things too - the app is called Handicalendar.

Meanwhile a client who is a wheelchair user and struggles to transfer from his armchair to his wheelchair in time to answer the door if someone rings, is benefiting from using a ‘smart doorbell’ system. This system allows him to see from a camera who is at the door and then use the voice system to ask them to wait whilst he gets into his wheelchair.

I think you will agree it is amazing just how far assistive technology has come since 1974 and the talking calculator! We now have fabulous aids such as screen readers, wheelchairs controlled by the mouth to home automation. It will be interesting to see what the next 40 years will bring.



## A Day in the life of the Office



## Sourcing Disability Equipment

Whilst assisting clients with sourcing disability equipment Jo has come across a fantastic service provided by DES (Disability Equipment Service).

The website is free of charge to members of the public and organisations and provides a platform for people to sell and buy disability equipment.

Items that are donated are cleaned (repaired if necessary) and then sold on; 25% of all proceeds are donated to charities.

If you would like to find out more why not visit

<https://disabilityequipmentservice.co.uk/about>



## New Referrals

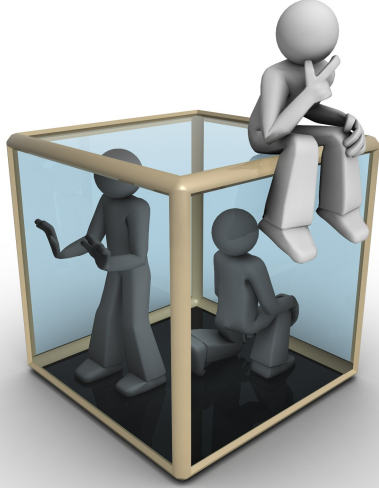
Below are only some of the recent Case Management and Medico Legal Expert referrals the team have recently taken on:

- Lanyon Bowdler - Care and Rehabilitation Report for male in Wem who has suffered ABI as result of RTA.
- Brethertons - Physio and recommended rehabilitation plan for female living in Oswestry
- Brethertons - Physiotherapy Expert Report for female in Bromyard following medical negligence claim.
- FBC Manby Bowdler - Case Manager for 18 year old male in Rochdale

***If you would like to make a referral contact [enquiries@jmw-ltd.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@jmw-ltd.co.uk)***

*If you have any questions or useful facts you would like us to use in our next Edition, please email the Team at [enquiries@jmw-ltd.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@jmw-ltd.co.uk)*

# Happy Easter from the Team



## Did you know?



**Q** What is Alexa?

**A** Artificial intelligence powered voice assistant.

Disability Horizons have rated Alexa as number 1 in terms of top smart home device to assist disabled people.

**Q** What is Assistive Technology?

**A** Any item, piece of equipment or product system that is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of an individual with a disability)

## Training Calendar

*Team members will be attending a number of conferences over the coming months, here are those scheduled to date:*

*Jodie will be attending an Employment Law Conference hosted by Lanyon & Bowdler on 28 March 2019*

*Jenny and Stuart will be attending a Challenging Clients Litigation Workshop on 28 March 2019 in Huddersfield.*

*Jodie and Jenny will be attending Managing and including catastrophic caseload on 14 May 2019.*

*Stuart and Lisa attended the Reco Conference held in London on 7 February 2019. Lisa stated how informative day was, especially the interview with Lotje Sodderland. She had suffered a stroke and made a film of her journey thereafter called "my beautiful broken brain", which is available on Netflix.*