

Launch of the first Creative Arts Therapies (CATs) Expert Witness Service

Thursday 22nd February 2024
Rm 144, Conference Aston
Birmingham, B4 7ET
5.30pm – 6.30pm

The use of CATs has become commonplace in rehabilitation programmes, giving rise to the need for expert witness evidence in cases where CATs form a significant head of claim.

Chroma is now home to the first CAT expert witness in the UK.

To learn more about this new service delivered exclusively by Chroma, please join us for our launch event where you will hear from experts in the medico-legal and neurologic music therapy sectors.



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Dr Corene P. Hurt-Thaut, Ph.d., MT-BC

Program Director, The Academy for Neurologic Music Therapy
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Music, University of Toronto
Program Head, Applied Music and Health, University of Toronto

Dr. Corene Thaut received her master's in music therapy, and her PhD with an interdisciplinary focus of music, neuroscience and statistical design, from Colorado State University. She was a research associate at The Center for Biomedical Research in Music at Colorado State University from 1997-2015, and the director of the international training programs of The Academy for Neurologic Music Therapy since 1999. She is nationally and internationally recognized for her clinical expertise in the evidence based practice of Neurologic Music Therapy, with clinical experience including 3.5 years as a music therapist at Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital and the Center for Rehabilitation Medicine at Emory University Medical School in Atlanta and 4 years as a Neurologic Music Therapist at Poudre Valley Hospital and The Center for Neurologic Rehabilitation in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Her work has included a diverse range of clinical populations including: stroke, Parkinson's disease, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, autism, and psychiatric disorders.



Richard Williams-Lees LL.B(Hons), PgDip (Law)

Chief Executive, McCollum Consultants
Co-Founder/Director ALLDOQ

Richard is driven by the vision of transforming the medico-legal sector with innovative and convenient solutions. With a background in law, he brings a unique perspective and expertise to the field of medico-legal services. In his current roles, he has overseen the growth and recognition of McCollum Consultants, an award-winning chambers of medico-legal expert witnesses that provides high-quality and reliable opinions.

In addition, he has also successfully led the development of ALLDOQ, a cloud-based workspace that allows clinical expert witnesses to securely store, organise, and complete their medico-legal work in the cloud. His core competencies include business strategy, leadership, client relations, and legal knowledge. He is passionate about delivering excellence and value to both legal and medical professions.

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Daniel Thomas BA, PgDip (MT), NMT

Managing Director, Music Therapist and Ofsted Responsible Individual, CHROMA

Member, International Music Therapy Assessment Consortium (IMTAC)
Member, BABICM Council

Daniel qualified as a music therapist in 2002. His clinical work focused on children and families, especially supporting attachment, bonding and resilience. Daniel has worked in prisons, mental health settings and in special and mainstream schools with children with a range of brain injuries and other conditions.

He is a member of a number of umbrella organisations including the Neurologic Music Therapy Advisory Council, the World Federation of Neurorehabilitation and sits on the Editorial Board of the NeuroRehab Times. He is the Managing Director of Chroma.



Kate Cropper BA, MA (MT), NMT

Referrals Manager and Head of Expert Witness Services, CHROMA

Kate qualified as a music therapist in 2003. Her work has focused on children with significant behavioural difficulties caused by trauma and attachment related issues. Kate has also worked extensively within the field of dementia and in special schools with PMLD, learning difficulty and visual impairment.

Kate is also a Neurologic Music Therapist, certifying in 2017. Kate is Chroma's Referrals Manager, and the new Head of Expert Witness Services.