



2023 – the last year for this initiative

Supportive clinical visit

Post formal training in the VdT Model of Creative Ability, practitioners and managers need time to implement the model, explore it and develop knowledge and skills for its use. The usual method of learning occupational therapy practice is through an apprenticeship model of learning i.e. learn through spending time with / in close proximity to someone with more knowledge, experience and expertise to learn the 'how' and 'why' of practice. In the UK, most therapists are not in close proximity to OTs with expertise in the model. Therefore, practitioners frequently express uncertainty about whether they are 'doing it right' or 'getting it right' in terms of applying the model.

The supportive clinical visit aims to help you answer this question and to increase your knowledge and skills for practice.

A one day supportive clinical visit aims to meet the continuing professional development needs of OTs and support workers, in context. This supportive initiative focuses on the needs of practitioners and/or managers in terms of addressing questions regarding the use of the model in practice. This is most effectively achieved through allowing Dr Wendy Sherwood to observe practice followed by discussion of sessions observed and the provision of feedback aimed to increase practitioners' knowledge and confidence in practice.

The main aim of this initiative is to enable practitioners and managers to gain advice and identify strategies for moving forward with clarity and effectiveness.

How this initiative inspired a review and redesign of aspects of an OT service in low secure services is described by Walker B (2021) Therapeutic steps in Low Secure Services through an Occupational Therapy pathway: A ten-week process of discovery and development. In: W Sherwood 2021, (Ed.) *Perspectives on the Vona du Toit Model of Creative Ability: practice, theory and philosophy*. Watford, International Creative Ability Network. (Available from <https://www.ican-uk.com/>)

Feedback:

"Thank you so much for your feedback. I didn't expect so much detailed feedback. Thank you so much, this is really useful. The OTs really found your visit inspiring and have already made changes in their practice. You have re-fuelled our enthusiasm!"

*"The visit and written feedback has helped me to begin to formulate a clearer clinical strategy for the O.T service. The visit exceeded my expectations as I wasn't expecting the visit to identify the key issues and make such straightforward suggestions. The 3 best things:
Allowing the team time to reflect upon our practise
Having clear feedback at the time, delivered at an appropriate level to all.
Having written feedback which enables the development of an action plan with clear deliverables to demonstrate OT's effectiveness"*

£400 plus expenses (no VAT to add). Contact wendy@ican-uk.com.