



Nursing Expert Witnesses

Bush & Co have an established reputation for hand picking nursing expert witnesses who have demonstrated excellence and innovation in their established clinical nursing professions. They are trusted and relied upon in senior nursing positions and have a strong background in clinical governance, standards and best practice.

Our nursing experts are instructed to advise legal teams and ultimately to assist the Court in reaching its decision by providing an independent expert clinical analysis and opinion(s) on the information provided to them.

Expert nurses may be instructed to undertake liability reports; providing an opinion on allegations surrounding breach of duty. Bush & Co associates who provide nursing reports are trained to be able to apply relevant legal tests such as Montgomery vs Lanarkshire Health Board (2015), Chester vs Afshar (2004), Bolitho vs Hackney Health Authority (1977) and Bolam vs Friern Hospital Management Committee (1957).

Bush & Co's nursing experts may also be instructed to write quantum reports; analysing the impact of an injury/clinical negligence. In these cases, Bush & Co nursing experts are equipped to provide a detailed report including:

- clinical evaluation of the claimant;
- recommendations regarding past, current and future care, therapy and/or therapy needs;
- costs including the source of costs, equipment, therapy and care provision; and
- reference to relevant clinical guidelines and evidence-based research where required.
- Bush & Co's nursing experts recognise that they may be required to give evidence in Court and they are trained to ensure that their opinions are clinically robust.

Our associates

Our nursing expert witnesses have experience in a wide range of injuries, conditions and complications arising from personal injury or clinical negligence in children, young people and adults.

- Acute medicine
- Brain injuries
- Cancer
- Care of the elderly (safeguarding, falls, tissue viability)
- Community nursing and health visiting
- Critical care and acute surgery (including extravasation injuries)
- Emergency medicine
- Gynaecology (urgent care, colposcopy, fertility, pelvic disease/abnormalities)
- Infection control
- IV therapy
- Mental health
- Misdiagnosis/delayed diagnosis
- Oncology and palliative care
- Respiratory/cardiovascular disease
- Safeguarding
- Spinal Cord Injury

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Joanna Giddings | Registered Sick Children's Nurse

Joanne has worked in a variety of clinical settings including hospice care and intensive care. Over the past 20 years her work has been with children and young people in the community with specialist nursing care and complex health needs including those requiring 24 hour care packages within the home. She has experience of assessing clients with Cerebral Palsy, brain tumors and metabolic disorders causing profound disabilities such as mitochondrial disease as well as working with children requiring home ventilation and dialysis and those with brain injuries, epilepsy and oncological conditions.

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Leah Anthony | Registered General Nurse

Leah is a lead nurse for Diabetes and Endocrinology at Luton and Dunstable Hospital, working with a wide variety of individuals with both Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes and with a special interest in supporting patients using diabetic related technologies and individuals with mental health difficulties. In her current role, she manages a large team of different professionals, delivering care and education to those with Diabetes, which includes the assessment and management of diabetic patients with a diverse range of co-morbidities, insulin pump management, continuous glucose monitoring and medication reviews. She has also worked with the NHS 111 Service as a clinical advisor, conducting clinical triage by telephone using evidence based practice and clinical judgement and has experience in managing mental health issues in children and young adults; spending time working in a secure inpatient unit.

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Pam Kilcoyne | Registered General Nurse

Pamela is a registered nurse with over 30 years' experience working within the specialty of gynaecology both clinically in ward and outpatients settings and managerially. Her clinical career has been solely within the NHS where she has latterly held roles such as lead nurse gynaecology and lead nurse for gynaecology transformation. Pamela was part of the team at the inception of outpatient hysteroscopy services at Saint Mary's hospital ensuring safe care and undertook audits of patient acceptability and pain experience during the procedure leading to the developing patient information and pain management protocols. Pamela has also spent time working within the Emergency Gynaecology Unit as a nurse practitioner assessing women with pregnancy related problems and has since been instrumental in developing nurse-led pathways and nursing roles within Emergency Gynaecology.

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Richard Isherwood | Registered General Nurse

Richard qualified in Adult Nursing in 2010 from Salford University. Prior to nursing, Richard worked in the private care sector for young adults with profound learning and physical disabilities, both acquired and congenital. Since qualifying Richard has worked for the CQC rated 'outstanding' hospital trust Salford Royal now the Northern Care Alliance, and is currently a charge nurse in one of its many community teams. Richard's role in district nursing is part of the wider 'Integrated Care Team', which includes the social care sector. His role frequently involves multi-disciplinary working alongside many other community specialisms such as physiotherapy, occupational health, dietetics, bladder and bowel, diabetes, Macmillan/hospice, podiatry, general practitioners, urgent care and rapid response. He is also responsible for the investigation of internal incidents and has a vital role in developing action plans to mitigate any adverse future incidents.

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Deborah Atkinson | Registered General Nurse and Nurse Practitioner

Deborah is an expert clinical nurse with over 30 years' experience in the NHS, having extensive practice experience at advanced practitioner and consultant nurse level in urgent and emergency care (acute medicine) and urgent primary care in the out of hours setting, managing the nurse telephone triage service, providing assessment and treatment for urgent minor illness at the out-of-hours service and at walk-in centres. Her extensive clinical career has involved her working within a high dependency care setting managing patients with acute and chronic renal conditions involving haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and renal transplantation, and acutely unwell patients with cardiorespiratory, gastroenterological problems, sepsis and neurological conditions who require IV therapy, non-invasive ventilation (NIPPV) and end of life care, including the those requiring life support through artificial nutrition and hydration.

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Alex Chan | Registered General Nurse

Alex is a highly skilled nurse having worked both clinically and within research roles throughout his career, and since 2019, as a community matron, managing acutely unwell patients with diverse needs within the community who would otherwise be admitted to hospital. Alex has post-registration training in critical care and is responsible for dealing with patients in the community who require a wide range of clinical interventions, including patient assessment, wound and pressure ulcer management, administration of medication, intravenous therapy, complex dressings, cannulation monitoring of acute on chronic conditions such as diabetes, cardiorespiratory disease and renal failure, and psychosocial support. Alex also has experience of palliative care and general hospital nursing. Alex has worked as a specialist palliative care nurse and worked on a range of palliative care research projects, both with hospital inpatients and in the community. Alex has contributed to service improvement programmes in genomic medicine, organ donation and critical care.

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