

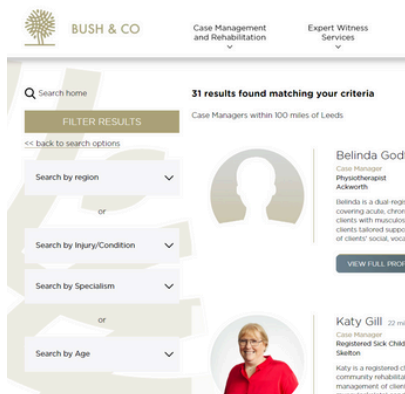
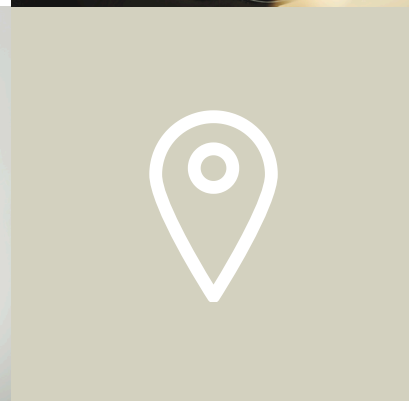
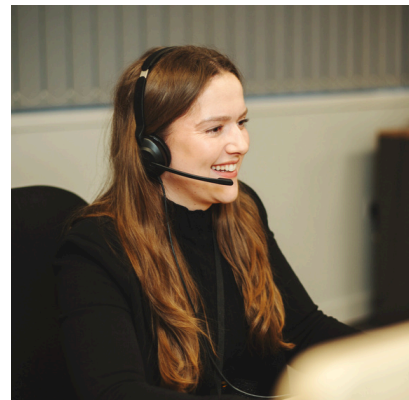
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# Assistive Technologist



# Paul Doyle

Assistive Technologist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Paul has been engaged in the field of assistive technology since 1995 in a variety of operational and strategic roles. He currently manages the Access Centre at Hereward College, where he oversees a team of Assessors who provide needs assessment reports for disabled students. Paul is also responsible for identifying and sourcing emerging and novel assistive technologies with the intent of embedding said technologies into the curriculum, including the living, working and educational environments at Hereward.

Paul heads up the research and development agenda at Hereward. Previous projects have included the use of assistive robotics, 3D CAD and printing, novel rehabilitation technologies, alternative access methods for AAC and ICT, telecare and smart home technologies and workforce development programmes.

Paul has extensive experience of assessing students' ICT and assistive technology needs with a range of impairments from mild learning difficulties to profound physical impairments. Assessments were intended to provide students with technological solutions to overcome barriers encountered when accessing information and communication technology and controlling their residential environment. Once solutions were identified equipment was procured, installed, adapted and in some cases fabricated on site. The equipment was commissioned and training of the users and support staff was undertaken. Technological solutions ranged from software, voice recognition software, and screen magnification software to hardware, specialist keyboards and environmental controls and adapted building management systems

Paul has also collaborated with City and Guilds to develop and deliver a Level 2 qualification in Supporting Users of Assistive Technology. Consequently, Paul researched industry practices in commercial, NHS and developing course materials in conjunction with City and Guilds, Home Farm Trust and the National Association of Equipment Providers amongst others.

Paul has experience of executing and project managing the institution's research agenda, particularly in the field of assistive technology. Projects include European funded



## Ages Covered

From birth

## Report type

Quantum – Assistive and Adaptive Technology

## Specialisms

Learning Support Technologies | Alternative and Augmentative | Communication Technologies | Low/No vision Assistive Technologies | Hearing Impaired Assistive Technologies | Environmental Control Technologies | Assistive Robotics Telecare Technologies | Smart Home Technologies | Integrated Systems (wheelchair/ICT/environmental control) | Cognitive Support Assistive Software

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

Paul is able to complete quantum reports on a wide range of injury types including:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Birth injury/Developmental Delay
- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Spinal Injury
- Stroke
- Sensory Impairment



# Paul Doyle

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Assistive Technologist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

activities to transfer innovation in the field of assistive technology training to partners in mainland Europe; inclusion of the user experience of assistive technology into the design specification and production of new person-centred technologies; i-Deal; testing and evaluation of a new technology platform intended to support independent living by acting as a centralised hub for a range of assistive technology and assistive technology related services and the inclusion of mobile devices into the academic programme for students with learning difficulties and disabilities, MoLeNet.

## Education and Qualifications

- Kings College Certificate (Year 2003 – 2004) Rehabilitation Engineering
- Birmingham City University (Year 1993 – 1995) Higher National Certificate in Electronic Engineering

## Memberships and Registrations

- Institute of Engineering and Technology
- Register of Clinical Technologists
- Editorial Board of the Journal of Enabling Technologies
- Board Member of the British Assistive Technology Association

## Location

Coventry



Very good report. Expert was very responsive, helpful and friendly. Completed a home visit which was difficult in the current climate.

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# Dentist



# Alexander Michael

Dentist | Dental Surgeon  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Alexander is a qualified dentist, working in general practice since 2002 and in fully private practice since 2005. He is experienced in providing private dental care, practice management and regulatory compliance and, as registered CQC manager within his practice, is experienced in quality assurance and safety standards within his practice.

In particular, Alexander is experienced in all aspects of restorative dentistry including restoration of dental implants. He has experience of cosmetic and clinical dentistry, periodontal disease treatment and oral surgery and is able to comment on standards, assess liability and causation, condition and prognosis.

As an associate expert witness working with Bush & Co, Alexander is able to analyse dental records and review standards of care. He is able to provide objective opinion on medication, nerve damage, failure to refer for specialist treatment and damages resulting in pain and injury both now and in the future. He will assess patients in either a clinical or private setting, depending on client need and level of assessment required.

In private practice, Alexander has experience of treating a wide range of patients with congenital and developmental disabilities and illness. He also has experience of treating those within the Deaf and Blind communities, those with paralysis and patients with dementia. He also has experience of treating patients following road traffic and occupational injuries.

## Ages Covered

2 years +

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Dentistry

## Specialisms

Cosmetic dentistry | Dental surgery | General practice | Minor oral surgery | Reconstructive/Restorative dentistry | Paediatric dentistry | Dental practice management | Dental practice risk and safety management

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Dental implants
- Dental/oral trauma
- Facial paralysis
- Nerve damage
- Occupational injuries
- Periodontal disease treatment

## Education and Qualifications

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
- Master of Laws Degree - Legal Aspects of Medical Practice, Cardiff University School of Law (LLM)
- Diploma of Membership of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners, Royal College of Surgeons (Dip.MFGDP)
- Diploma Of Legal Medicine, Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Royal college of Physicians, London (DLM) writing
- Certificate in Civil Law and Procedure
- Certificate in Courtroom Skills
- Certificate in Cross Examination

## Memberships and Registrations

- British Association of Private Dentistry
- Medical Protection Society
- Associate Fellow of the College of General Dentistry
- Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons (MFDS)

## Location

Gloucestershire

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# Dietician



# Rebecca McManamon

Dietitian

Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Rebecca has over 10 years' experience in acute and community settings in the NHS and specialised in a variety of clinical areas such as diabetes, cardiology, nutrition support (including enteral and parenteral nutrition and pressure ulcer management), cancer and palliative care, whilst maintaining general dietetic skills and knowledge, Rebecca is well placed to provide a balanced assessment using her diverse and in-depth experience.

Rebecca currently combines her role as a treating dietitian for clients with complex rehabilitation needs following birth, brain, spinal or other injuries following negligence, with roles as an honorary lecturer for the MSc Nutrition and Dietetics course at the University of Hull and as a writer and editor for professional publications. Rebecca continues to provide one-to-one virtual consultations for clients self-referring for management of long term conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.

During her time within the NHS, Rebecca worked in a number of leadership and management roles for other dietitians, and continues to engage in clinical supervision. Her supervisory experience, alongside her lecturing and editorial roles, enables Rebecca to provide a broad insight as to what is reasonable care in respect of the Bolam and Boliatho tests, and the standards and quality of care that should be provided by dietitians and other clinicians in relation to nutrition.

Her capabilities as a treating clinician, in particular for those with catastrophic injuries, allow her to provide a unique understanding of the longer-term needs for clients post injury, for quantum reports to fulfil the necessary criteria for the court. Rebecca held the position of Lead Dietitian at a leading neuro-rehabilitation inpatient unit for over 8 years, enabling her to comment on the dietetic needs through the rehabilitation journey from inpatient to home. Rebecca treats equal numbers of children and adults in her freelance practice, and therefore, particularly for children, has a genuine understanding of transition of care through NHS, private and case management services, as children develop in to adults, and is privileged to support adults who have been living for over 30 years with their acquired injury.

Rebecca has prepared a significant number of reports across the Scottish and English and Welsh courts for children and adults diagnosed with cerebral palsy following medical negligence. Rebecca is able to comment upon the proportion of nutrition a claimant attains through different methods such as artificial nutrition, being fed by others orally or self-feeding,

## Ages Covered

5 years +

## Report type

Liability

Quantum - Dietetics

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Amputation
- Acquired Brain Injury
- Birth injury/Developmental delay
- Burns
- Cancer/Oncology
- Cardiology
- Care of the elderly
- Cerebral Palsy
- Diabetes
- Gastroenterological
- Learning Disability
- Major Trauma
- Neurodegenerative conditions
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Orthopaedic
- Paediatric conditions
- Parental nutrition
- Palliative care/Terminal illness
- Pressure ulcer/Wound management
- Respiratory
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Stroke

## Location

Devon





# Rebecca McManamon

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Dietitian

Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

and provide her opinion on the need for highly specialised dietetic care such as a ketogenic diet to manage epilepsy associated with the negligence.

Rebecca undertakes regular continuing professional development through courses, conferences, journal articles and continuing to write as well as edit articles for professional publications.

Rebecca has been instructed to provide reports to the Court on a basis of approximately 45% Claimant instructed, 30% jointly instructed and 25% Defendant instructed reports.

## Qualifications and Education

- University of Nottingham (2004-2008)  
Master of Nutrition (leading to professional registration in Dietetics)

## Memberships

- Registered with the Health Care and Professions Council
- Member of the British Dietetic Association and Neurosciences, Paediatrics, Mental Health (including Learning Disabilities and ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder Sub Groups), Diabetes, Gastroenterology and Freelance Specialist Groups
- Associate Member of the National Nutrition Nurses Group
- Member of the editorial board of Clinical Nutrition



“Thank you for what is a fabulous report. We are so very pleased we approached you, Rebecca. The report is first-class and extremely comprehensive so thank you.”  
Instructing Party

“Dietetics ended up being an important game-changer on life expectancy projections. Your advice has also dramatically improved the claimant’s day to day life in that he now has a private dietician. You are passionate about your work and added a very important layer of evidence to this case. I very much hope to work with you again in the future.”  
Instructing Party



# Nurses



# Amy Walsh

Registered Nurse | Non-Medical Prescriber  
Associate Expert Witness

## Specialisms

- Acute ward nursing
- Advanced practice nurse
- Care home nursing
- District/community nursing
- General nursing
- General practice nursing
- Hospital/In-patient nursing
- IV therapy nursing
- Palliative care nursing
- Post-surgical/Post-operative nursing
- Prescribing
- Renal nursing
- Tissue viability nursing

## Experience

Amy is an experienced IV specialist nurse, having qualified in 2010 and spent her career working across the NHS and within the community. She is specialist in the care and management of patients requiring non-invasive ventilation (NIV), venepuncture and cannulation, the administration of IV therapies, peritoneal dialysis, maintenance haemodialysis, renal transplantation, Portacaths, PICC's and central access devices, infectious disease, end of life care and the withdrawal of treatment, sepsis management. She also has experience of caring for patients with COPD, pneumonia, bronchiectasis, discitis, brain abscesses, surgical site infections and osteomyelitis.

In her current position as trainee advanced clinical practitioner within the South Manchester and Trafford Community IV Service, Amy clinically assesses patients referred for treatment, prescribes and administers IV and oral antimicrobial treatments as well as sub-cut sodium chloride to patients with mild or moderate dehydration. She is experienced in the insertion and management of PICC and midlines also. Amy was involved in the setting up of this service within the Manchester Foundation Trust in November 2019. She has also held the positions of IV team lead, band 7 IV service lead, and IV specialist nurse. Additional service developments include being involved in becoming the first OPAT service in the UK to implement a community based PICC and midline placement service.

As part of her current role, Amy also has experience of enabling patients early, safe and effective discharge from hospital into the community, working alongside secondary care consultants, specialist teams and hospital discharge coordinators to facilitate the relevant treatments and interventions in the patient's home and community setting. Once the patient is receiving treatment at home, she is responsible for ensuring the patient is clinically stable to be treated in the community, which involves regular clinical assessments and twice weekly MDT's involving the referring consultant, infectious disease consultant, IV Advanced Clinical Practitioners, Pharmacists and IV specialist nurses.

Amy also works closely alongside GP's and community specialist to prevent patients being admitted to secondary care and acute short stay areas which has been increased during the current pandemic to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and relieve hospital bed pressures. Amy has a breadth of knowledge that enables her to understand a patient's



## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Nursing

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Acute illness
- Advanced nursing care
- Cannulation/Venepuncture
- Complex care
- Elderly care
- Falls
- Gastrointestinal/Gastroenterological
- Infection control
- IV therapy/cannulation
- Palliative care/Terminal illness
- Prescribing
- Pressure care/Ulcers
- Renal
- Respiratory conditions
- Sepsis
- Skin/Dermatology/Graft
- Soft Tissue Injury
- Tissue viability
- Vascular
- Viral infections
- Wound management

## Location

Altrincham



# Amy Walsh

Registered Nurse  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

initial presentation as well as secondary complications and has sound knowledge of a person's needs and the additional referrals and treatments required. Previous cases include secondary complications and conditions such as infectious disease, pyelonephritis, pressure sores and ulcers, UTIs and diabetic foot infections.

Amy is heavily involved in clinical governance and is responsible for service audits and service developments including falls prevention strategy as well as working closely with CCGs. She is experienced in complaints and near misses as well as root cause analysis and investigation. She remains current with the latest best-practice approaches and facilitates regular teaching sessions to the Citywide Community Response Team in Manchester; currently working on a Citywide Fracture Prevention Pathway alongside the Orthopaedic team at North Manchester General Hospital.

Amy's current and previous roles within the community IV services has involved the implementation of a robust sepsis management and ANTT policies and assessment processes to reduce the risk of sepsis and bacteraemia's in the community setting. She has also led on the implementation of the NEWS 2 and sepsis 6 pathway training the community teams to enable community practitioners to recognise sepsis early and knowing when to escalate to acute care specialists. Amy has also implemented regular ANTT audits of all IV practitioners and as a result they have been no community-acquired bacteraemia's to date.

She also has over ten years' experience working in renal medicine and caring for patients with chronic and acute kidney disease who are receiving maintenance haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, conservative management, and renal transplantation and provided treatment to nephrology patients with auto-immune kidney disease who were undergoing biologic therapies such as rituximab, infliximab, and cyclophosphamide.

Amy has in depth experience of caring for patients with chronic respiratory diseases such as COPD, bronchiectasis and CF. During her time working at the Northwest Lung Centre, she has cared for patients requiring regular antimicrobial therapies to treat infective exacerbations, and also oxygen therapies and NIV to patients with type 1 and 2 respiratory failure.

In her current and previous roles caring for patients with chronic diseases, Amy has experience of implementing appropriate palliative and end of life care working collaboratively with palliative care teams ensuring the patients and relatives wishes are respectively taken into consideration. Amy's current role involves working with community professionals to ensure that DNAR, respect process and statement of intent processes are implemented as early as possible to ensure that care plans are followed when a patient who is nearing end of life no longer has the mental capacity to make or express their desired wishes. The IV team also provides short term clinically assisted rehydration in primary care to palliative and frail patients with mild to moderate dehydration.

## Education and Qualifications

- Diploma in Adult Nursing
- Mentorship (Level 6) in Nursing
- Non-medical prescribing (Level 7)
- Biological Basis of Disease (Level 7)
- Diagnostics and Therapeutics (Level 7)
- Advanced Clinical Practice in Primary Care (Level 7)
- Masters in Advanced Clinical Practice

## Memberships and Registrations

- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- National Infusion and Vascular Access Society



# Anna Ruth Jones

Registered Children's Nurse | Children's  
Community Nurse Specialist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Anna is a registered paediatric nurse and children's community nurse with over 25 years' experience of working across a diverse range of children's health care services and settings and as such, she has extensive clinical skills in providing care and managing children's clinical complexity, including children who have chronic diseases and who have sustained catastrophic injury.

Throughout her career, Anna has provided nursing assessment and specialised care to infants, children, and adolescents with a wide range of conditions, providing a broad range of care from acute treatment to long-term management and also preventive care, supporting the overall health and well-being of young patients and their families. She is experienced in creating, monitoring and adjusting individualised care plans and coordinating care with other healthcare providers, caregivers, social services, and educational institutions.

Having worked with children and families in the acute and community settings and within hospice settings, Anna has a vast experience in dealing with acute paediatric illnesses, complex clinical presentations and chronic, long term conditions alongside experience in supporting complex discharge care planning. Her caseloads have included children with neurological injuries and degenerative conditions, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, gastroenterological disorders, congenital abnormalities and cardiorespiratory conditions. She is experienced in ventilation, catheterisation, feeding tube management and tracheostomy care and has managed children who have acute and chronic respiratory difficulties, infections and developmental disorders.

As a V100 nurse prescriber, Anna is responsible for medication prescription, administration and management, including IV therapy administration. She has particular experience in providing and coordinating care for children with life-limiting conditions, those who required end of life care and palliative care in their homes or in a hospice.

Anna uses her advanced clinical skills to support other professionals and has worked as a paediatric practice development nurse training nurses and non-registered staff to be able to care for children with significant clinical complexity.

## Ages Covered

From birth to 18 years

## Report type

Liability

Quantum - Care OT / Care & Equipment  
Care | Nursing

## Specialisms

Paediatric Nursing

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Bladder conditions
- Bowel conditions
- Brain injury
- Cancer/Oncology
- Cannulation/Venepuncture
- Cardiology
- Cerebral Palsy
- Chronic Pain
- Colorectal
- Complex care
- Congenital abnormalities
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- IV therapy/cannulation
- Neurodegenerative disease
- Palliative care/Terminal illness
- Pressure care/Ulcers
- Renal
- Respiratory conditions
- Safeguarding
- Sepsis
- Stoma care
- Stroke
- Surgical
- Urological/Bladder
- Ventilated/Tracheostomy
- Wound management

## Location

West Sussex



# Anna Ruth Jones

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Registered Children's Nurse | Children's  
Community Nurse Specialist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Anna also works as a freelance paediatric clinical skills trainer and supports the clinical skills training of foster carers providing placements to children with clinical complexity. Anna also works as an associate lecturer teaching the child health module to degree level students. Anna's work has been recognised for two national children's nursing awards.

A large component of Anna's roles have required her to provide emotional and psychological support to children and their families and has therefore developed advanced communication skills and confidently manages difficult, sensitive conversations and traumatic situations. Anna has a strong understanding into family centred care and understands the impact of injury and long term illness on children, families and carers.

Anna is trained to level 4 in children's safeguarding and has held the role of designated safeguarding lead in a previous organisation. Anna is also the safeguarding trustee for the national charity Wellchild supporting children with clinical complexity to be managed in home environments.

## Education and Qualifications

- Child Protection Module NH6137 2014
- BSc Professional Practice 2015
- Paediatric Health Assessment NUR 3204 2017
- Application of Leadership and Management Module NUR 3186 2018
- BSc (Hons) Primary and Community Care (Community Children's Nursing) 2019
- Specialist Community Public Health Nurse Registration (SN) 2019
- Palliative Care Interventions Masters Module NUR 3306 2019
- V100 Nurse Prescriber 2019
- Mental Health Across the Lifespan Module HCR 3010 2019
- NMC Sub-Part 1 RNC Registration (Children) 2000
- Diploma in Nursing Sciences 2000
- Florence Nightingale Leadership Scholarship 2022
- NSPCC Level 4 children's safeguarding 2024

## Memberships and Registrations

- Nursing and Midwifery Council



# Emily Hennessy

Registered Nurse | Health Visitor | Non-medical  
Prescriber  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Emily is a clinical nurse specialist nurse for safeguarding children and registered health visitor with post graduate qualification. She is highly skilled and knowledgeable in the speciality area of children and family's community health, health inequalities and safeguarding. Her experience within health visiting includes delivery of The Healthy Child Programme (England and Wales) and Health Visiting Universal Pathway (Scotland) which specifies the universal schedule of health visiting services which will be offered to families. She routinely deals with management of minor illnesses, developmental delay/milestones, neurodevelopmental disorders, brain development, torticollis, congenital hip dysplasia, sleep and behavioural concerns, toilet training, infant feeding, weaning and growth concerns and offers public health advice for families on topics such as tummy time, safe sleep guidelines and immunisations.

She has been the named health visitor for a women's refuge and for a Traveller's site. She is experienced at the delivery of home and clinic appointments for families with children under five to monitor health and wellbeing, identify and health, social or environmental concerns and provide extra support for identified families such as maternal mental health concerns, domestic abuse, child protection issues, developmental delays, growth concerns, general parenting support. She also worked as a staff nurse on a level 3 neonatal unit care for premature and sick babies.

Emily is knowledgeable and skilled in the guidance and best practice standards for working with universal families and also complex and vulnerable families and child protection cases. In addition, Emily has experience in working with high risk and complex maternal mental health cases from identification through to accessing appropriate support.

Emily has been involved with the submission of national and local safeguarding practice reviews (formerly serious case incidents) for hospital trusts which included analysis of clinical records and practice, and the presentation of themes, numerical data and recommendations for future practice. She has written quarterly reports for NHS England on the Health Inequality Project which involved in depth analysis of the immunisation status of children in the area, including trends

## Ages Covered

From birth

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Nursing  
Inquest

## Specialisms

General nursing  
Health visiting

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Congenital abnormalities
- Immunisations
- Neonatal care
- Safeguarding
- Women's health

## Location

Northumberland



# Emily Hennessy

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Registered Nurse | Health Visitor | Non-medical  
Prescriber  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

and themes as to which communities, areas or GP practices had low uptake and the potential reasons and solutions for this. Her involvement with childhood immunisations has led to her co-writing a standard operating procedure and toolkit covering three counties, 'Best Practice Guidance for General Practices: Childhood Immunisations'. She is also in the process of completing a PhD focussing on health inequality for marginalised children.

## Education and Qualifications

- BA Adult Nursing
- MSc Specialist Community Public Health Nursing

## Memberships and Registrations

- Nursing and Midwifery Council





# Rebecca Timmins

Registered Adult Nurse | NMC Registered Teacher  
Associate Expert Witness

## Ages Covered

12 years +

## Location

Midlands

## Report type

Liability

## Specialisms

Acute ward nursing | Bladder/Bowel conditions | Critical care nursing | General nursing | Hospital/In-patient nursing | Intensive care nursing | IV therapy nursing | Post-surgical/Post-operative nursing

## Experience

Rebecca has over 23 years' experience as a registered nurse in the diverse field of critical care, having worked across general intensive care, trauma and burns critical care, neuro critical care, cardiac critical care and liver intensive care unit. As a result, she is an expert in critical illness management, cardiorespiratory care, ventilated patients, acute complex care and has worked as both a sister on a critical care unit and as a critical outreach practitioner. Owing to this role, Rebecca has expertise in all areas of respiratory care including invasive and non-invasive ventilation, CPAP and high flow oxygen therapy, intercostal drain management, humidification, chest auscultation, nasopharyngeal airway management, and oropharyngeal, endo tracheal and tracheostomy suction.

As a critical care specialist, Rebecca is also skilled in managing central lines, PICC lines, IV cannula, Swan Ganz catheters, cardiac output monitoring, inotropic support, pacing wires and intra-aortic balloon pumps. She is responsible for IV drug and blood product administration and able to carry out subcutaneous and intramuscular injections in the acute setting. Rebecca is able to analyse, interpret and manage arterial blood gases and general blood profiles.

She is experienced in managing individuals with acute neurological injury in a critical care, intensive care and acute setting, including dense stroke, brain injury and spinal cord injury. As such, Rebecca is skilled in the management of autonomic dysreflexia, intracranial pressure monitoring and pressure care prevention. Having cared for severely ill spinal, and brain injured patients and individuals who have suffered major trauma, nasogastric tube (NGT) insertion, management and feeding, and percutaneous jejunostomy (PEJ) and percutaneous gastrostomy tube (PEG) care and feeding. She is knowledgeable in enteral and parental nutrition and in stoma care and flexi seal bowel management systems, having cared for severely ill individuals who have suffered major trauma and undergone complex and multiple surgeries.

As part of her role across the vast area of critical and intensive care, Rebecca has cared for patients requiring renal and urological care and has expertise in the management of bladder care and all urinary catheters, haemofiltration and renal replacement therapy. She is experienced in the care of patients who require IV therapy,



## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Acute illness
- Bladder conditions
- Bowel conditions
- Brain injury
- Burns
- Cannulation/Venepuncture
- Cardiology
- Colorectal
- Complex care
- Critical care/Outreach
- Diabetes
- Falls
- Gastrointestinal/Gastroenterological
- Hepatology/Hepatobiliary
- IV therapy/cannulation
- Livers
- Pressure care/Ulcers
- Renal
- Respiratory conditions
- Sepsis
- Soft Tissue Injury
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Stoma care
- Stroke
- Surgical
- Urological/Bladder
- Vascular
- Ventilated/Tracheostomy
- Wound management

## Location

Midlands



# Rebecca Timmins

Registered Adult Nurse | NMC Registered Teacher  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

venepuncture and cannulation and the administration of drugs via a variety of routes.

In addition to her role requiring critical care and medical emergency nursing skills, Rebecca must also provide general day-to-day care for her patients, including pressure area and pressure sore management, wound management, mental capacity assessments, falls risk assessments, nutritional risk and care, and manual handling.

Rebecca also worked for a number of years as a specialist nurse in organ donation and as a Donor Transplant Coordinator with the NHS Blood and Transplant Service. This role involved taking referrals from adult and paediatric general and speciality critical care services in 16 Acute NHS Trusts for potential organ donation (Donation after Brain Death and Donation after Cardiac Death). Rebecca would take consent for cadaveric multi-organ donation under the Human Tissue Act 2004. In facilitating multi organ donation Rebecca would undertake a full patient history of the organ donor, including reviewing all of the medical notes, investigations and take blood samples to enable screening for infectious diseases to enable safe organ donation and transplantation. Rebecca would also advise on the clinical management of the organ donor and a considerable part of this role involved supporting acutely bereaved family members. Rebecca was required to liaise with several transplant surgeons and UK national organ retrieval services to facilitate timely organ donation and transplantation across the UK and sometimes Europe. Rebecca was also responsible for audit and service development and was service lead for organ donation in her designated hospital Trusts.

Since 2016, Rebecca has been lecturer at the University of Wolverhampton, now practising as a senior lecturer in nursing where she teaches and Module leads primarily on pre-registration Masters of Nursing programmes. Rebecca is responsible for teaching nursing students the theory and practice of clinical practice skills in simulation labs in readiness for clinical practice. These skills range from performing manual blood pressure, to venepuncture and cannulation, NEWS scoring, A-E assessment and priorities of care, consent, pressure area care and Drug administration to name a few. Rebecca is also in the final year of her EdD Thesis and supervises Master of Nursing Students in their final year dissertation research.

In 2024 Rebecca was appointed as an external examiner at Kings College London University for their Critical Care course and Acute Surgical modules.

In addition to her academic role, Rebecca continues to work part-time as a critical care nurse across all areas of critical illness and intensive care, managing acutely unwell patients with cardiac, respiratory, general medical conditions, liver pathologies, burns, trauma and neurological conditions.

## Education and Qualifications

- Professional Doctorate in Education (EdD) – Year 4. Research: Moral Distress and Moral Courage in Pre Registration Student Nurses using Q Methodology.
- PG CertHE & PP 2016-18
- Masters of Law (Medical Law) with Distinction 2013
- Post Grad Diploma: Health Care Ethics and Law 2003
- General Intensive Care Course (ENB 100) (Critical Care Nurse competencies) (2003) placement rotation University Hospitals Birmingham
- Diploma in Higher Education (Nursing) 1997 -2000
- IV Cannulation and Venepuncture (2000)
- Advanced Life Support - 2003
- Donor Transplant Coordinator Course (NHS Blood and Transplant) 2004-2005
- IV Drug Administration (2000)
- Diploma in Higher Education (nursing) 2000

## Memberships and Registrations

- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Royal College of Nursing
- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

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# Physiotherapists



# Alexa Dawson

Advanced Physiotherapy Practitioner  
Associate Expert Witness

## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Location

Stockport

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Advanced practice/Extended scope |  
Musculoskeletal/Orthopaedic | Primary care | Secondary care

## Experience

Alexa is an orthopaedic clinical specialist (Band 8a), working independently providing highly specialist assessment, diagnosis and treatment plans for patients presenting with all manner of neuromusculoskeletal conditions, including orthopaedic spinal and peripheral disorders.

As part of working to an advanced level of physiotherapy practice, Alexa is able to request and interpret diagnostic tests to facilitate with the diagnostic process and subsequent patient management. This requires assessment and triage of patients to a high level in order to appropriately refer for MRI and ultrasound scans and x-rays.

She is qualified to perform joint and soft tissue injections and works closely with the orthopaedic consultants to improve patient pathways and implement systems to enhance service delivery. Alexa is also the clinical lead for knee and hip conditions, implementing NICE guidelines in the management of osteoarthritis of the knee and jointly leads the development of patient care pathways between GPs and physiotherapists in Primary Care and orthopaedic consultants in Secondary Care.

Alexa is highly trained in the management of complex orthopaedic conditions, including chronic multi-joint pathologies, nerve root impingements and patients presenting with co-morbidities and long-term musculoskeletal disorders. She is responsible for the training and mentoring of junior physiotherapy staff and cascading relevant evidence based research to the physiotherapy department.

Alexa has worked as a senior lecturer delivering the undergraduate physiotherapy course at Manchester Metropolitan University.



## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Arthritic/Degenerative Joint Conditions
- Cauda Equina Syndrome
- Failure to investigate/refer
- Injection Therapy
- Ligament Repairs
- Musculoskeletal/Soft Tissue Injury/Joint
- Orthopaedic Conditions
- Rheumatological Conditions
- Spinal Conditions
- Work-related Injury

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy 1996
- Certificate in Orthopaedic Manual Therapy 1999
- MSc Advanced Physiotherapy 2006
- Principles and Practice of Joint and Soft Tissue Injection Therapy 2007
- Extended Proficiencies in Health Care 2008
- O.C.R Certificate Exercise and Fitness 2010

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (MSCP)
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Caroline Havard

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Caroline started her career as a junior physiotherapist at Llandough Hospital, Cardiff to include experience in respiratory, thoracic surgery, care of the elderly, musculo-skeletal, intensive care, stroke unit, special school, and community paediatrics.

She moved on to work as a community paediatric physiotherapist based at Eveswell Children's Centre, Newport, gaining experience in neuro-disability, mainstream and special schools, developmental delay and hydrotherapy.

Caroline has also worked in acute paediatrics at the University Hospital of Wales (UHW), Cardiff, gaining experience in acute paediatric respiratory, neurology and orthopaedic surgery including involvement in the cystic fibrosis team.

As a senior physiotherapist with Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust, now Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB), Caroline was responsible for developing expertise in different geographical areas, cystic fibrosis clinic, community caseloads and special schools.

Caroline developed a clinical specialism addressing the needs of children with complex disability. She worked in a multi-disciplinary team approach, collaborating with other professionals in the provision of specialist seating, lying and standing supports and walking frames.

She provided and coordinated the physiotherapy service to Crownbridge School in Cwmbran, Torfaen, which is a Centre of Excellence for delivering the MOVE Programme. She introduced the MOVE programme and delivered training to other schools within ABUHB and the wider south Wales area.

In addition to her expert witness work, Caroline is currently a freelance physiotherapist. She continues to work with Crownbridge School on a consultancy basis. She teaches the four-day course on Posture Management for Children and Adults with Complex Disability. She is also a MOVE programme consultant and trainer.

Caroline's knowledge has been shared through a number of publications. She has featured in Risk Assessment for Sleep



## Ages Covered

From birth

## Report type

Quantum – Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

- Neurological
- Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brain Injury
- Developmental Delay
- Erbs Palsy
- Neurological Conditions
- Paediatric Conditions

## Location

Cardiff



# Caroline Havard

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Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

System; Posture and Mobility Vol 27:1 2010 pp 11-13 and wrote an online article in Education for Everybody, September 2017. Caroline has also participated as a case note reviewer in the NCEPOD Chronic Neuro-disability Study which was published as "Each and Every Need" in March 2018.

She has been relied upon and trusted to teach various topics and is a member of the teaching team for the four-day course in Posture Management in Complex Disability. She is also a regular guest lecturer for the undergraduate and post-graduate physiotherapy programmes at Cardiff University.

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc Hons Physiotherapy
- Bobath Course (London) Working with Children with Cerebral Palsy
- Post Graduate Certificate in Posture Management for Children and Adults with Complex Disability (Oxford Brookes University accredited)
- MOVE Programme Trainer 2011
- ProSols training in writing expert witness reports and giving evidence in court (regularly updated)

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.
- Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists.
- Medico Legal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists.
- Posture and Mobility Group.



# Deborah Walker

Advanced Physiotherapy Practitioner  
Associate Expert Witness

## Specialisms

- Advanced practice/Extended scope
- Amputee/Limb loss
- Musculoskeletal/Orthopaedic
- Paediatric
- Primary care
- Private
- Secondary care
- Neurological

## Experience

Debbie is an advanced physiotherapy practitioner with an extensive clinical career providing physiotherapy assessment and treatment of patients with a diverse range of conditions including musculoskeletal disorders, acute and chronic respiratory conditions, spinal conditions and metabolic medical conditions. Her experience includes working with both children and the elderly and individuals with persistent and degenerative physical symptoms who require long term rehabilitation and multidisciplinary support. Debbie has also worked for a number of years with adults who have complex physical needs and learning disabilities, within intermediate care and across various community settings where she has provided hydrotherapy, exercise rehabilitation and advice on wheelchairs and aids and equipment.

Given the breadth of her clinical knowledge and skills, she currently works as a first contact practitioner within a primary care setting, managing a case load of patients attending their GP surgery. This role requires her to provide expert assessment and treatment of primary care patients, referring them onwards where appropriate for further investigations, including MRI scan, ultrasound, x-ray and bloods and to other health professionals within the primary and secondary care systems. In addition to seeing patients on a face-to-face basis within the GP practice, Debbie also undertakes telephone, video and e-consultations, providing a triage service for the primary care team. As a key member of this team, Debbie provides in-house training to other first contact practitioners and allied health professionals and attends multidisciplinary team meetings, providing expert physiotherapy opinion regarding complex service users and those with long term needs.

Debbie also lectures part-time in health and social science at the Lakes College, West Cumbria, teaching anatomy, physiology, health, science and social care subjects.

## Ages Covered

From 12 years

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Abdominal Injury/Surgery
- Amputation/Limb loss
- Arthritic/Degenerative Joint Conditions
- Biomechanical/Skeletal Alignment
- Brachial Plexus Injury
- Brain Injury
- Cauda Equina Syndrome
- Charcot Foot
- Community Rehabilitation/Intermediate Care
- Congenital Abnormalities
- Elderly Care
- Failure to investigate/refer
- Falls
- Hand and Upper Limb Injury
- Inadvertent Nerve Injury
- Injection Therapy
- Ligament Repairs
- Major Trauma/Poly Trauma
- Mobility Problems
- Musculoskeletal/Soft Tissue Injury/Joint
- Nerve Injury
- Neurodegenerative Disease
- Neurological Conditions
- Oncology
- Orthopaedic Conditions
- Pelvic Health
- Peripheral Nerve Injury
- Post-Operative Management
- Red Flags
- Respiratory Conditions
- Rheumatological Conditions
- Spinal Conditions
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Stroke
- Vascular/Peripheral Vascular Disease/Acute Limb Ischemia
- Work-related Injury



# Deborah Walker

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Advanced Physiotherapy Practitioner  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Debbie's scope of clinical expertise means that she can provide expert physiotherapy opinion on a wide range of clinical conditions. As an advanced physiotherapy practitioner with over 20 years' of physiotherapy experience, she is also ideally-placed to comment on the standard of physiotherapy care where allegations of potential physiotherapy breach of duty/causation are concerned.

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Human Physiology 1997
- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy 2000
- Orthopaedic Medicine Diploma 2018
- Bloods Interpretation Course 2019
- Pain and Pharmacology Course 2019
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education 2021

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Health and Care Professions Council

## Location

Cumbria





# Elise Rawson

Specialist Neurological Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Elise is a highly-specialised, committed and passionate neurological physiotherapist with a vast experience of working across both the NHS and private sectors in the assessment and physiotherapy treatment of adults and children with a wide range of neurological and musculoskeletal conditions. Her case load includes adults with complex neurological injuries, stroke and brain injury, spinal cord injury and peripheral nerve lesions, and in addition she has expertise in managing individuals with vestibular impairments and children with complex neurological conditions, including those with severe cerebral palsy (GMFCS 5).

Her physiotherapy practice involves the use of a wide range of modalities to provide effective treatment such as exercise therapy, manual therapy techniques, acupuncture, taping, postural re-education and functional rehabilitation; creating patient and goal-centred treatment plans for each of her patients. As an autonomous specialist in her field, Elise is able to refer patients directly to consultants and other health professionals for further investigation and medical treatment, and is required to write detailed medical reports for neurologists, GPs and case managers.

Elise is trained as a Bobath practitioner and in the use of Saebo Flex and assists and prescribes in the assessment of specialist postural equipment such as sleep systems, orthotics, walkers and standers. She creates bespoke postural management programmes, activity programmes and undertakes hydrotherapy assessments and treatment programmes for water based therapy. Part of her role as a neurological therapy specialist is to provide education sessions to carers and family members on manual handling, positioning and postural management, stretching programmes and residential and home-based therapy programmes.

As an expert in dynamic movement screening and functional analysis, Elise also provides physiotherapy to a wide range of patients with all types of musculoskeletal injuries and pathologies, including BBPV, vestibular neuritis, chronic pain presentations, biomechanical problems and complex orthopaedic and neuromuscular problems.

Elise is clinical specialist in functional training and complex rehabilitation and can therefore provide expert opinion on the physiotherapeutic management of long term neurological and musculoskeletal injuries affecting individuals of all ages.

## Ages Covered

10 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Neurological

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Community Rehabilitation/ Intermediate Care
- Developmental Delay
- Nerve Injury
- Neurodegenerative Disease
- Neurological Conditions
- Peripheral Nerve Injury
- Stroke

## Location

Sussex

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc Sport and Exercise Science 2008
- MSc Rehabilitation Science 2011
- Bobath levels 1-3 BBTA 2014

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Neurology
- The Acupuncture Association of Chartered Physiotherapists
- Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists



# Jessica Withpetersen

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Jessica qualified as a Physiotherapist in 1999. She specialised as a physiotherapist in amputation, prosthetics and vascular surgery in 2002 and has been the Outpatient Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist in Vascular surgery and amputees at North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust and Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Trust since 2010.

During this time, she has held senior positions including clinical lead for critical care; providing operational management for the Critical Care Team across intensive care units, surgical recovery unit and respiratory and surgical wards. As a clinical specialist physiotherapist she runs a prosthetic satellite clinic from Addenbrookes Hospital out of Peterborough City Hospital in conjunction with the rehabilitation consultant, prosthetist and technicians, treating children, young people and adults from pre-prosthetics to discharge from physiotherapy.

Jessica has experience of working with microprocessor knees, lower limb amputation, and contralateral leg fractures and clients who also suffer from cardiovascular and neurological conditions. She has spent time treating clients with out-lying trauma orthopaedic injuries follow road traffic accidents, recurrent falls and those who fail to cope within the home. She is knowledgeable of the return to home and return to work transitions and clients' rehabilitation needs as well as helping clients to regain independence.

In earlier clinical roles, Jessica has treated respiratory, surgical and vascular patients within a hospital setting and within amputee and intermittent claudication rehabilitation programmes.

Jessica remains current through operating in clinical roles and has been active in representing the physiotherapy profession and best practice clinical care within a number of forums. She is currently the regional representative for the British Association of Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehabilitation (BACPAR), chairing quarterly regional meetings and attending executive committees. She has also been involved in reviewing the CSP Manual Handling Guidelines and PPAM aid guidelines for the Scottish Physiotherapists and Amputee Research Group (SPARG) and an earlier review of 'Evidence Based Clinical

## Ages Covered

From birth

## Report type

Quantum – Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

- Advanced practice/Extended scope
- Amputee/Limb loss

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Amputation/Limb loss
- Vascular/Peripheral Vascular Disease/Acute Limb Ischemia

## Location

Northamptonshire



Good report and quick turn around.

Instructing Party



# Jessica Withpetersen

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Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Guidelines for the Physiotherapy Management of Adults with Lower Limb Prosthesis'.

She is also experienced in leading clinical audits, supervision and training of staff within Hospital Trusts and those that the Hospitals refer to in the case of amputee care.

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
- MSc Rehabilitation Studies with Distinction
- Safeguarding Children Level 2
- MCA and DOLS
- C Leg
- Rheo Knee

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- British Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehab (BACPAR)
- Health Care Professional Council



# Julia Connor-Smith

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Julia qualified as a physiotherapist in 1986 with a diploma in physiotherapy from the Prince of Wales School of Physiotherapy and has worked continually as a clinical physiotherapist since then. She completed her junior rotations in physiotherapy including respiratory, orthopaedics, surgical, medical, paediatrics and neurology in Barnet, North London. She then chose to specialise in neurology and moved to a senior post at the National Hospital of Neurology in 1988 until 1991 where she completed rotations in medical and neuro-surgery, Neuro ITU and rehabilitation. She was able to gain extensive experience in many aspects of complex adult neurology, including splinting and the use of Botox in the management of spasticity.

After leaving the National Hospital in 1991 Julia moved to Edgware General Hospital until 1997 where she worked in outpatient neurology covering all types of neurological conditions including strokes and brain injuries. She also ran a disabled swimming group.

After taking maternity leave, Julia left the NHS and worked for various private companies providing their neurology physiotherapy. These include Pinner Road Physiotherapy Clinic in 1997; and providing physiotherapy services to residents and training for staff in complex neurological cases at BUPA Arkley nursing home and The Priory Grange specialist Nursing Home from 1997 to 2006.

Julia returned to the NHS in 2006 when she started working as a specialist neurological physiotherapist for Enfield Community Services. She was the senior Community neurophysiotherapist in Enfield; covering all community and outpatient services for neurological patients for the Trust, and helped set up the neuro MDT for Enfield Community services.

Julia had an active role in the training and education of colleagues by organising in-service programmes and external courses; and in the education of physiotherapy students from various London Universities, and was part of the on call rota at night and weekends throughout her NHS career. She was also a visiting academic tutor for the University of Hertfordshire visiting physiotherapy students on placements at various hospitals within Hertfordshire and North London and was guest lecturer and examiner on the Physiotherapy course in 2012 to 2014.



## Ages Covered

From 19 years +

## Report type

Quantum – Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Neurological

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brain Injury
- Major Trauma/Poly Trauma
- Mobility Problems
- Neurodegenerative Disease
- Neurological Conditions

## Location

London



Julia was able to do a home visit to the client and has done an excellent assessment and summary of client needs.

Sarah Towler, Russell Cooke



# Julia Connor-Smith

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

In 2012 Julia left the NHS to set up her own company JCS Physio. Directly appointed by case managers and working within MDTs she provides neurophysiotherapy for a wide range of patients aged from aged 10 years to adult, mostly with acquired brain injuries, strokes, and spinal injuries, within a community setting. Many of these patients have polytrauma and complex neurological injuries resulting from major accidents.

Throughout her career Julia has written detailed clinical physiotherapy reports and has a huge wealth of experience in treating and advising on the management of patients with neurological conditions in acute and community settings.

During the Coronavirus pandemic (April to July 2020), Julia voluntarily returned to the NHS working in the Community Neurology Service for Barnet, Enfield & Haringey Mental Health Trust as a Band 7 Neuro Specialist.

## Education and Qualifications

- 1986 - Diploma in Physiotherapy from Prince of Wales School of Physiotherapy
- 1988 - Bobath Adult Hemiplegia (three week) course
- 1995 - Advanced Bobath Course on the Assessment and treatment of Adult Hemiplegia and Allied Neurological conditions
- 2012 - Splinting in neurology, three day course, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, Queen Square
- 2012 - joined the executive committee of ABIL (Acquired Brain Injury Forum, London)
- 2016 - Medico legal: the role of the Physiotherapist as an expert Witness, MLACP, at Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- 2017 - My Life: My injury a Field Fisher conference, Westminster
- 2018 - Brain Injury: Out of Focus a Leigh Day conference, BMA House, London
- 2018 - Running a Medico-legal practice - are you GDPR compliant
- 2019 - Child Brain Injury Conference, CBIT, Royal Society of Medicine
- 2022 - Silver Trauma, clinical and legal issues for older people who have experienced major injury, ABI Solutions, Westminster

## Memberships and Registrations

- Health and Care Professionals Council
- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Executive committee member for ABIL (Acquired Brain injury Forum London) 2012 - 2023
- Medico Legal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists
- ACPIN (Association of Chartered Physiotherapists Interested in Neurology)
- Volunteer at Riding for Disabled, Digswell RDA 2012 - 2020



# Kate Tebbett

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Kate has worked as a paediatric physiotherapist since 1995 both within the NHS and privately, assessing and treating children with a wide range of conditions, including cerebral palsy, developmental delay and brachial plexus injuries. Kate also spent five years working part-time for Cumbria Cerebral Palsy as a family support worker. This experience gave her great insight into the realities of living with cerebral palsy and the difficulties faced with accessing services and leisure opportunities; this has influenced her practice when working with people with disabilities to ensure input is targeted and relevant to their lifestyle and personal goals.

For seven years she worked as lead physiotherapist for Beaumont College in Lancaster, which caters for young people aged 19 - 25 with complex neurological disabilities. She established a posture management service at the college and as part of her role she ran monthly orthotic clinics as well as three monthly botulinum toxin clinics with a local neuro-rehabilitation consultant. Alongside her occupational therapy colleagues, Kate was involved in assessing students to access switching for environmental controls and alternative augmentative communication (AAC).

In 2018, Kate completed, with distinction, a Post-Graduate Certificate in Posture Management of Children and Adults with Complex Disability. Learning on the 12 month course included carrying out assessment of adults with complex disability and reporting, in detail, their physiotherapeutic requirements. Kate is, therefore, fully qualified to assess adults with complex neurological disability and to recommend physiotherapy treatment, management and related equipment.

From 1999 to 2004 Kate worked in Chennai, India, on a development project with Skillshare International. She worked with an Indian charity, Vidya Sagar, on developing the services they provide for people with neurological disabilities across South India. This role provided Kate with immense experience in assessing children and adults with cerebral palsy and acquired brain injuries and developed her ability to problem solve for people with disabilities in environments with limited facilities.



## Ages Covered

From birth

## Report type

Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

- Neurological
- Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brachial Plexus Injury
- Brain Injury
- Developmental Delay
- Erbs Palsy
- Genetic Disorders
- Paediatric Conditions

## Location

North West England

## Education and Qualifications

- University of the West of England (Year 1990 - 1993) BSc (hons) Physiotherapy
- Bobath (Year 1998) Paediatric Course

## Memberships and Registrations

- Medico-Legal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists
- Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists
- Association of Chartered Physiotherapists for People with Learning Disabilities
- Aquatic Therapy Association of Chartered Physiotherapists
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Myra Robson

Pelvic Health Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Myra is a highly specialised pelvic health physiotherapist, having qualified as a physiotherapist in 1991 and gaining an interest in pelvic health during her career. She now works as a band 8a clinical lead for an integrated pelvic health team at Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.

She is particularly experienced in the management of prolapses, pelvic floor exercise adherence and dysfunction and ways to address the stigma surrounding pelvic health conditions such as incontinence. As a pelvic health specialist, her clinical case load includes complex conditions involving persistent pelvic pain, pelvic and perineal trauma, sexual dysfunction, neurogenic bladder and bowel dysfunction and cauda equina-related issues.

Myra is also experienced in the issues surrounding mesh complications and was a clinical expert on the government led review into mesh giving evidence, led by Baroness Cumberlege.

Myra's knowledge and experience in pelvic health has resulted in her becoming the co-creator of 'Squeezy' (alongside Living With), the physiotherapy pelvic floor muscle exercise app which has gone on to become the number one paid medical app in the UK, winning several industry awards. She continues to consult for Living With on an ad-hoc basis as a pelvic health specialist.

Myra is passionate about enabling all men and women to find it easier to talk about their pelvic health problems and to access suitable support and treatment. To this end, she co-founded the physiotherapy-led campaign group, 'Pelvicroar', which has a wide social media presence and has recently run its first online conference for 250 people, raising over 13K for charity in the process. Pelvicroar was also a highly commended finalist at the 2020 Advancing Healthcare awards.

She has extensive managerial and clinical experience within the NHS which includes teaching and student supervision and throughout her clinical career has presented at a number of conferences on issues surrounding pelvic health and women's health physiotherapy.



## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Physiotherapy  
Criminal

## Specialisms

Advanced practice/extended scope

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Ante and Post Natal Conditions
- Cauda Equina Syndrome
- Obstetrics
- Pelvic Health
- Women's Health

## Location

South East London

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Health Care Professions Council
- Pelvic, Obstetric and Gynaecological Physiotherapy Association
- International Uro-Gynaecological Association



# Naomi Winfield

Paediatric Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Naomi is a highly-skilled and specialised paediatric physiotherapist with over 20 year's post-graduate experience, the majority of which has been within children's physiotherapy.

She has held Team Leader and Lead Children's Physiotherapist roles since 2004 and has been a lecturer on MSc paediatric physiotherapy modules since 2018.

Naomi has worked across all areas of NHS paediatric physiotherapy with children from birth to 19 years. She has experience of both inpatient and community settings, including acute wards, neonatal unit, mainstream and specialist schools and outpatient clinics. As a specialist in her field, Naomi is used to managing a caseload of children with highly complex needs and supporting children and their families throughout their childhood. Naomi has a special interest in the respiratory management of children with complex neurological conditions and spoken at many conferences and published papers on this subject. Naomi is experienced at delivering a range of physiotherapy interventions, including neurodevelopmental therapies, modified constraint induced movement therapy, exercise therapy, 24-hour postural management and airways clearance techniques including mechanical assistive devices.

Her main area of specialism is neurology and complex neuro disability, including infants who have sustained birth injury, cerebral palsy and those with developmental and congenital conditions, as well as children who have suffered traumatic brain and neurological injury. She is also highly experienced in dealing with neonates and providing physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation for children with cardiorespiratory conditions.

Naomi further shares her passion for paediatric physiotherapy through teaching on the Masters in Paediatric Physiotherapy at University College London. This combination of clinical work and lecturing ensures that she is abreast of the latest research, and she leads in using the latest evidence to change clinical practise. She is very research active and regularly publishes papers in scientific journals.

As a specialist in her field, Naomi is able to provide expert physiotherapy assessment and opinion regarding the rehabilitative needs of infants, children and individuals up to the age of 19 who have sustained catastrophic complex injury through clinical negligence or personal injury.

## Ages Covered

From birth to 19 years

## Report type

Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Paediatric  
Neurological

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brain Injury
- Congenital Abnormalities
- Developmental Delay
- Genetic Disorders
- Major Trauma/Poly Trauma
- Mobility Problems
- Neurodegenerative Disease
- Neurological Conditions
- Paediatric Conditions
- Respiratory Conditions
- Spinal Conditions
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Stroke

## Location

Milton Keynes

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Oxford Brookes, 2002
- MSc Paediatrics and Child Health, Cardiff University, 2014

## Memberships and Registrations

- Health and Care Professions Council
- Chartered Society of Physiotherapists





# Natalie Little

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Natalie is a highly trained, specialist physiotherapist in the field of neurological injuries and conditions. She has worked extensively throughout her career with both adults who have suffered brain and spinal cord injuries and is currently the Lead Outpatient Physiotherapist for the Spinal Injuries Unit in Southport (North West Spinal Injuries Centre). In this role, she works closely with the multidisciplinary team to provide a robust and efficient service for individuals who have suffered a spinal cord injury (SCI).

Natalie is responsible for the physiotherapeutic management of a diverse SCI population, including those with associated secondary shoulder pain/upper limb disorders, and SCI patients who require orthoses/ splints. She works alongside specialist spinal nurses to provide education, training and support to families of patients with SCI and she supports other hospitals and therapy/care teams, including Alderhey Children's Hospital and Whiston and Manchester Royal Infirmary, who refer into the SCI service in Southport, providing them with expert knowledge regarding SCI rehabilitation, in order to optimise patient recovery.

As a specialist in her field, Natalie leads joint sessions with some of her SCI outpatients and their community therapists to provide support and expertise to colleagues who are less confident with treating and managing SCI patients. More recently, Natalie has taken on the additional role of Paediatric SCI Outpatient Physiotherapist, supporting children with SCI and their families to help them understand and adapt to their life-changing condition. This role requires a high degree of communication with the wider paediatric teams involved who do not have specialist knowledge about SCI.

Natalie also has a special interest in Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) and in line with her current role within the NHS as Lead Spinal Injury Physiotherapist, is working on the development of a robust, inpatient rehabilitation pathway for CES patients who would ordinarily be managed in the community, to equip this cohort of patients with the right knowledge, skills and support they require to adapt to life with CES.

## Ages Covered

From 19 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Neurological

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brain Injury
- Cauda Equina Syndrome
- Major Trauma/Poly Trauma
- Mobility Problems
- Musculoskeletal/Soft Tissue Injury/Joint
- Neurological Conditions
- Spinal Conditions
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Stroke

## Location

Liverpool



# Natalie Little

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Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Bobath-trained to an advanced level, Natalie has also worked extensively over the last five years within the private sector, providing specialist physiotherapy to adults who have suffered a stroke, Spinal Cord Injury, acquired and traumatic brain injury or poly-trauma. As a community-based physiotherapist, she delivers hands-on therapy and rehabilitation within the most appropriate setting for each of her patients, including residential and nursing homes, gyms and swimming/hydrotherapy pools, enabling her to address their individual goals, aspirations and therapeutic needs holistically.

## Education and Qualifications

- PGCert Physiotherapy in Professional Practice 2017
- BBTA Basic Bobath Course 2017
- ATACP Accredited Foundation Programme in Aquatic Therapy 2015
- BBTA Advanced Bobath Course 2015
- BBTA Upper Limb 2014
- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy 2010

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapists
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Nicola Chilton

Neurological Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Nicola is a clinical team lead physiotherapist specialising in neurological rehabilitation, having worked within the field of neurological injury as a specialist, senior physiotherapist since 1999 and across both inpatient and community settings.

Her passion and main area of expertise lies in the rehabilitation of brain injured patients, including those who have suffered traumatic and acquired brain injuries and those who are suffering with degenerative brain conditions. In her current role, Nicola works as part of a multidisciplinary team providing neuro-rehabilitation to individuals living in the community of East Lancashire.

With expertise in neurological physiotherapy for over 25 years, Nicola has experience of assessing and treating complex neurological disorders and profound neurological presentations. Her role requires her to evaluate the extent of neurological impairment, including sensory and motor function, spasticity and reflexes, and develop tailored individual rehabilitation programmes based on the individual needs, goals and level of impairment of each patient. Her rehabilitation programmes may involve spasticity management, stretching and positioning techniques, splinting and casting, and manual therapy to manage pain and sensory issues, alongside comprehensive and progressive functionally-based exercise and enablement programmes. Having worked in the community setting since 2009, Nicola is experienced in teaching families and care providers about brain injury, the rehabilitation process and the appropriate strategies required to manage and support an individual's rehabilitation journey to promote their recovery.

Having trained to an advanced Bobath level, specifically in optimising the potential in sub-acute stroke patients, Nicola is skilled in applying advanced techniques for assessing motor control, muscle tone, posture, balance and functional ability, identifying primary and secondary impairments that impact movement and function and managing these with advanced handling skills and evidence-based movement re-education techniques. She has undertaken specific training in Functional Electrical Stimulation for both upper limb and lower limb neurological impairments and ensures she remains up to date with the use of assistive devices and technology to enhance rehabilitation outcomes and functional independence.

## Ages Covered

From 18 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Neurological

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brain Injury
- Neurodegenerative Disease
- Neurological Conditions
- Stroke
- Falls
- Functional Electrical Stimulation

## Location

Lancashire



# Nicola Chilton

Neurological Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Nicola is also trained in vestibular rehabilitation which enables her to assess and manage vestibular disorders, which are often present in individuals with brain injuries. These symptoms can include dizziness, vertigo, imbalance, and spatial disorientation which Nicola has experience of managing via a variety of techniques including gaze stabilisation, habituation, gait and proprioceptive retraining and repositioning manoeuvres such as the Epley Manoeuvre used to treat BBPV.

Additional responsibilities of her team leader role include clinical supervision of rotational physiotherapists and assistant practitioners, clinical effectiveness, governance and quality improvement for her service.

Nicola brings a wealth of experience as a highly skilled and extensively trained neurological physiotherapist to her expert role. She is adept at providing expertise on complex and high value neurological cases where evidence-based, expert physiotherapy opinion is required to assist the Court in establishing quantum.

Nicola has undertaken specific expert witness training and accepts both Claimant and Defendant instructions.

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc. (Hons) Physiotherapy 1994
- Basic Bobath 2001
- Advanced Bobath 2005
- Advanced Bobath: Optimising potential in sub-acute stroke patient 2020

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapists
- Health & Care Professions Council
- Association of Chartered Physiotherapists Interested in Neurology



# Ruth Bradley

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Ruth is a highly-skilled physiotherapist with over 15 years' post-graduate experience in clinical practice. She has worked across a broad range of clinical areas, including NHS in-patient acute and intensive care, post-operative care, community rehabilitation and private health care.

Ruth is currently a Band 7 physiotherapist working within the NHS in cardiothoracic transplant care. She has an excellent knowledge and understanding of cardiothoracic surgery and its physiotherapy treatment, having worked as a senior physiotherapist within the clinical field of cardiothoracic care since 2015. She has an in depth knowledge of the clinical needs and rehabilitation of acutely and chronically unwell patients, as well as working with palliative patients. Her role requires her to have a strong understanding of the care pathways and patients outcomes and to work closely with the therapy team and the wider MDT to provide pre-operative assessments, post-operative ICU treatment and ward-based care, as well as continuing outpatient care post-discharge for transplant and LVAD (left ventricular assist device) patients.

She has written an article on the use of acupuncture with LVAD patients and has assisted in the set up and trial of a virtual pulmonary rehabilitation class for lung transplant patients to cover the gap left by classes which ceased during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As a specialist physiotherapist covering a diverse range of clinical areas within the hospital setting, Ruth provides senior physiotherapy input covering inpatient orthopaedic surgery, ICU, respiratory and medical wards. As such, she has an in depth understanding of post-operative rehabilitation and has experience of dealing with individuals with complex, acute and chronic conditions, including those with multiple co-morbidities and chronic pain.

Ruth has also worked for a number of years as a senior, community-based physiotherapist and part of a private, multidisciplinary rehab team, providing therapy to individuals either within their own homes or within a suitable clinical setting. Ruth is Bobath trained and in this role, worked with the wider therapy team, seeing clients who were referred by case managers with a wide range of conditions including complex

## Ages Covered

From 19 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Musculoskeletal/Orthopaedic | Private

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Abdominal Injury/Surgery
- Amputation/Limb loss
- Arthritic/Degenerative Joint Conditions
- Falls
- Ligament Repairs
- Limb Reconstruction/Plastic Reconstructive Surgery
- Major Trauma/Poly Trauma
- Mobility Problems
- Musculoskeletal/Soft Tissue Injury/Joint
- Orthopaedic Conditions
- Post-Operative Management
- Respiratory Conditions

## Location

Manchester



# Ruth Bradley

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Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

orthopaedic injuries, acquired and catastrophic brain injury and behavioural issues. A large part of this role was producing clinical reports regarding the physiotherapy treatment and outcomes of the clients, alongside regular update reports for the medico legal teams. Ruth was responsible for advocating for safeguarding patients and communicating causes for concern regarding care with the legal teams, local stakeholders and the CQC.

Her knowledge and experience in providing physiotherapy care, functional rehabilitation and pain management for patients with cardiorespiratory, orthopaedic and neurological conditions enables her to provide expert assessment and opinion on the physiotherapy needs of individuals with complex presentations, who have suffered catastrophic and life changing injuries as a result of clinical negligence and personal injury.

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc. (Hons) Physiotherapy 2008
- Bobath Module One
- Acupuncture Foundation Course (AACP)

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Acupuncture Association of Chartered Physiotherapists



# Sue Paddison

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Sue commenced her current NHS post as Lead Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist in the London Spinal Cord Injury Centre at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Trust in 1993. She is the Physiotherapy Lead Clinical Specialist in Neurological Rehabilitation of Spinal Cord Injury Patients. Sue has extensive experience in the management of adult and paediatric individuals with spinal cord injury from the acute stage, immediately post injury, through early rehabilitation and onto reintegration back into the community. This includes complex trauma and respiratory management of acute spinal cord injury patients.

Sue also has experience in the management of peripheral nerve injury and brachial plexus injuries, as well as diverse skills in trauma and musculo-skeletal conditions.

Sue has extensive teaching experience, she is Honorary Clinical Teaching Fellow at University College London. She currently lectures on three Masters courses for multidisciplinary professionals. She has lectured nationally and internationally to diverse professional groups, as well as presenting papers at conferences and meetings relevant to her specialist field. She lectures regularly on study days within the NHS and in her charity work.

Sue's diverse experience includes service development and research. She participated as a peer reviewer in the National Audit Office Review of Spinal Cord Injury Centre Services in December 2016 and is currently contributing to the NHSE Specialist Commissioning transformation workstreams in the management of spinal cord injuries. She is primary investigator in several current studies including a study investigating neurological recovery following the use of Interactive Functional Electrical Stimulation Ergometry, a collaborative study with Southampton University and University College London. In addition she is Primary Investigator for an NIHR adopted, international, randomised controlled study investigating the impact of motor training on recovery in Spinal cord injury.

Sue also acts as a Consulting Physiotherapist for the England Rugby Football Union Injured Players Foundation. In 2014 to date. She produced and delivered the Spinal Cord Injury



## Ages Covered

1 year +

## Report type

Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Advanced practice/Extended scope |  
Neurological | Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brachial Plexus Injury
- Cauda Equina Syndrome
- Musculoskeletal/Soft Tissue Injury/Joint
- Peripheral Nerve Injury
- Spinal Cord Injury

## Location

Guildford



# Sue Paddison

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Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

training and education package in collaboration with a colleague, for participants being trained by Humanity and Inclusion to deploy with the UK Emergency Disaster Relief Medical Teams. This comprises of theory and practical teaching.

Since 2015 Sue has been involved in a review of Mauritian Neurological Rehabilitation Services and part of a visiting Humanitarian Training Team. The team has founded the charity NEURAM to develop clinical services and expertise in neurological rehabilitation, in collaboration with the local community and Mauritian Government.

## Education and Qualifications

- Graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy (1986)
- Extensive post graduate clinical, managerial and medico-legal training
- Research Systems and Processes, BSc module, South Bank University (1999 – Grade A)
- Post Graduate Advanced Bobath Courses for the Management of Incomplete Adult Spinal Cord Injured Individuals in 1999, 2007 and hosted in 2012 at RNOH
- Critical Thinking in Rehabilitation MSc module at St Georges University (Jan-April 2014) - Grade A pass and distinction for her Poster/Oral submission - "Can FES ergometry enhance neurological recovery in SCI individuals?"

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Health and Care Professions Council
- UK and Eire National Spinal Cord Injury Therapy Leads - Chair (2014-2018)
- Medico-legal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists - Committee member
- Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Neurology
- Association of Trauma and Orthopaedic Chartered Physiotherapists
- Multi-disciplinary Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals
- International Spinal Cord Society
- American Spinal injuries Association and Steel Assembly
- UK representative for the International Network of Spinal Cord Injury Physiotherapists





# Tina Amiss

Physiotherapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Tina is a highly specialised physiotherapist with over 37 years' experience in physiotherapy practice. Her career has focussed primarily on musculoskeletal and orthopaedic conditions, specialising over the years in the assessment and rehabilitation of spinal and peripheral neuromusculoskeletal problems.

She has developed a particular interest in chronic pain management and is the physiotherapy representative on the corporate Pain Group at Circle Health Group in Harrow. Tina uses a holistic approach to managing her patient's chronic pain conditions, engaging them actively in the decision making process and their rehabilitation. She has a in-depth understanding of the pain management programmes and is experienced in using acupuncture, hydrotherapy, cognitive behavioural therapy and exercise rehabilitation with patients who are suffering from chronic pain conditions.

In her current role as deputy clinical services manager, she plays an active part in the management and daily running of the physiotherapy department, ensuring excellent standards of customer care whilst managing her own clinical case load of complex musculoskeletal patients.

Tina is also a specialist physiotherapist in the management of vestibular conditions. She receives referrals from a broad range of sources, including Ear Nose and Throat surgeons and consultant neurologists, and provides specialist physiotherapy assessment and treatment of patients suffering with Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV), Menieres Disease, Labrythitis and Vestibuar Neuritis.

Over the years Tina has also worked with a range of semi-professional rugby and football teams and has provided specialist physiotherapy for GB Men's Ice Hockey World Championships and GB Women's Rowing Training Camp.

Tina's breadth and scope of physiotherapy expertise enables her to provide expert opinion on all manner of neuromusculoskeletal conditions affecting both adults and children.

## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Physiotherapy

## Specialisms

Musculoskeletal/Orthopaedic | Primary care | Private | Secondary care

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Abdominal Injury/Surgery
- Arthritic/Degenerative Joint Conditions
- Brachial Plexus Injury
- Cauda Equina Syndrome
- Falls
- Hand and Upper Limb Injury
- Inadvertent Nerve Injury
- Ligament Repairs
- Major Trauma/Poly Trauma
- Mobility Problems
- Musculoskeletal/Soft Tissue Injury/Joint
- Nerve Injury
- Orthopaedic Conditions
- Peripheral Nerve Injury
- Post-Operative Management
- Red Flags
- Rheumatological Conditions
- Short Bowel Syndrome
- Spinal Conditions
- Vestibular Conditions
- Work-related Injury

## Location

Middlesex

## Education and Qualifications

- Graduate Diploma in Applied and Practical Physiotherapy 1993
- Graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy 1985

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapists
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Tracy Fields

Physiotherapist | Prescriber  
Associate Expert Witness

## Specialisms

- Advanced practice/Extended scope
- Amputee/Limb loss
- Musculoskeletal/Orthopaedic
- Paediatric
- Private

## Experience

Tracy graduated from the University of Teeside in 1994 with a BSc (hons) degree in Physiotherapy, and has since then been working as a physiotherapist in the NHS; firstly in a district general hospital, then in a large teaching hospital and subsequently in a specialist children's hospital with a Major Trauma Centre. Tracy has spent the majority of her career working within the specialist areas of limb reconstruction, orthopaedics, amputees and more latterly plastic surgery and burns injuries.

For the majority of her career, Tracy has specialised in musculoskeletal conditions particularly in the paediatric field. Tracy has a vast experience of treating children with congenital conditions, complex trauma and following the surgical management of neuromuscular conditions such as cerebral palsy.

Tracy has led a large team of physiotherapists, occupational therapists and therapy support staff within the areas of limb reconstruction, orthopaedics, amputees, burns and plastic surgery, supervising and mentoring all the staff within the team and developing the services offered within these specialities. In 2015 Tracy qualified as a non-medical prescriber allowing the development of services provided within her clinical practice.

In 2014 Tracy began working privately for a rehabilitation company in Sheffield providing physiotherapy to both adults and paediatrics with a range of musculoskeletal conditions; following instruction by case managers or solicitors. This work includes the assessment and rehabilitation of individuals following complex injury and the provision of reports for clients to assist with legal cases.

Tracy qualified as a moving and handling trainer in 2022, enabling her to provide assessments of the moving and handling needs of individuals, and training for staff working across the health, social care and education sector.

Tracy is currently studying a Masters of Laws which is due to be completed in 2023.



## Ages Covered

From birth

## Location

Sheffield

## Report type

Liability

Quantum - Physiotherapy



Tracy is an expert I have instructed previously so I knew that the quality of her work would be excellent and this case was no exception to that. Dealing with Bush & Co is always a smooth and easy experience.

## Instructing Party

Tracy fought for funding throughout and my client responded fantastically to the service.

The service provided was excellent throughout, Tracy secured much needed funding for cleaners/travel and care and this helped my client massively early on.

## Instructing Party



# Tracy Fields

Physiotherapist | Prescriber  
Associate Expert Witness

## Injury/Condition

- Amputation/Limb loss
- Arthritic/Degenerative Joint Conditions
- Biomechanical/Skeletal Alignment
- Brachial Plexus Injury
- Burns
- Congenital Abnormalities
- Developmental Delay
- Erbs Palsy
- Genetic Disorders
- Hand and Upper Limb Injury
- Inadvertent Nerve Injury
- Ligament Repairs
- Limb Reconstruction/Plastic Reconstructive Surgery
- Major Trauma/Poly Trauma
- Mobility Problems
- Musculoskeletal/Soft Tissue Injury/Joint
- Nerve Injury
- Neurodegenerative Disease
- Neurological Conditions
- Orthopaedic Conditions
- Paediatric Conditions
- Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery
- Post-Operative Management
- Red Flags
- Work-related Injury

## Education and Qualifications

- Sheffield Hallam University (Year 2015) Independent non-medical prescriber
- University of Teeside (Year 1991 - 1994) BSc (hons) Physiotherapy

## Memberships and Registrations

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Health and Care Professions Council
- British Limb Reconstruction Society
- Medico Legal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists
- Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists
- National Back Exchange

## Publications

- Paediatric Limb Reconstruction - Sheffield Children's Hospital (June 1998). Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists Journal

## Additional Languages

Makaton

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# Podiatrist



# Chelsea Tritschler

Podiatrist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Chelsea is a specialist podiatrist dealing with all manner of conditions affecting foot health and the wider impact this has on the rest of the body. She has excellent knowledge of a variety of musculoskeletal conditions affecting all ages and a special interest in diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and cardiovascular disease, how these directly affect foot health and their impact on a person's lifestyle, medical conditions and mental health. She is experienced in managing musculoskeletal conditions and as such is able to carry out gait analysis and screen for congenital and acquired skeletal alignment issues. As part of her podiatric management of musculoskeletal conditions, she is often required to provide corrective foot orthoses/insoles to manage biomechanical issues which have arisen as a result of underlying foot/ankle disorders. She completed a clinical gait analysis module as part of her MSc studies and manages the biomechanical caseload for a private practice in Plymouth.

In addition to providing both clinic and community-based podiatry, Chelsea is able to carry out podiatric assessment and treatment within challenging environments. She currently works within a prison setting in HMS Devon and has worked within both Category B and C HMP sites, providing a broad range of podiatric treatment to inmates who present with foot and nail care issues, alongside other co-morbidities and health care conditions. She performs nail surgery at all the HMP sites she visits and screens her patients at these sites for onward referral for further investigations as necessary.

She is particularly experienced in the assessment and management of foot conditions relating to diabetes, including wound care, vascular assessment and nail and skin/tissue integrity, which forms a large part of her podiatric work within the community.

In addition to her role as a specialist podiatrist, Chelsea has successfully undertaken an MSc in Forensic Podiatry.

## Ages Covered

12 years +

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Podiatry  
Criminal

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Biomechanical/Alignment Disorders
- Bunions/Hallux Valgus Deformity
- Cardiology/Underlying medical conditions
- Diabetic Foot
- Elderly care
- Foot health
- Foot/Ankle conditions
- Gait analysis
- Minor surgical procedures
- Nail conditions/surgery
- Orthotics
- Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis
- Vascular assessment
- Wound care

## Location

Plymouth

## Education and Qualifications

- BTEC National Diploma in Medical Science - Distinction.
- BSc (Hons) Podiatry.
- MSc in Forensic Podiatry - Distinction.

## Memberships and Registrations

- Health and Care Professions Council

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# Psychiatrist



# Pete McAllister

Consultant Forensic and General Adult  
Psychiatrist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

With over 30 years' experience in healthcare, Pete has extensive experience as a consultant forensic and adult psychiatrist in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of adults with psychiatric conditions including PTSD, depression, anxiety, acute stress disorders and adjustments disorders. His particular expertise lies in forensic psychiatry with a strong occupational focus and the intersection of mental health and occupational performance, particularly in high-stress environments. He is experienced in assessing whether a Defendant has the mental capacity to understand legal proceedings and assist in their own Defence and in determining whether an individual poses a danger to themselves or others due to mental illness, necessitating involuntary hospitalisation.

In addition to forensic psychiatry, Pete has extensive experience in diagnosing and treating psychiatric disorders related to military service and evaluating the impact of military service on mental health.

In addition to preparing reports for Court proceedings, Pete continues to work part-time in clinical settings, maintaining hands-on experience and up-to-date clinical skills. As part of the clinical therapy he delivers, Pete utilises evidence-based treatments such as cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT), eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR), and medication management for PTSD and other disorders. He has provided psychiatric care during military operations and peacetime, addressing the unique mental health challenges faced by military personnel, with a focus on delivering mental health services in both deployed settings and UK bases to ensure continuity of psychiatric and mental health care.

Pete's extensive experience in forensic and general adult psychiatry, particularly in treating military psychiatric disorders and PTSD, along with his leadership roles and contributions to healthcare innovation, make him a highly credible and effective medical practitioner. His passion and renowned experience within these sectors has led to him providing expert advice on mental health and occupational health at the highest levels, briefing senior politicians, Defence leaders, and members of the Royal Family on complex

## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Psychiatry  
Condition and Prognosis  
Criminal

## Specialisms

CBT | Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) | Forensic Mental Health | Mental Capacity | Mental Health | Military Mental Health | Occupational Psychiatry

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Acute Stress Disorders
- Adjustment Disorders
- Anxiety
- Cognitive Disorders
- Depression
- Functional Neurological Disorders
- Mental Disorders
- Mood Disorders
- Personality Disorders
- Psychiatric Disorders
- Psychotic Disorders
- PTSD

## Location

Northamptonshire



# Pete McAllister

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Consultant Forensic and General Adult  
Psychiatrist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

healthcare issues, particularly related to military mental health.

He has prepared and presented comprehensive psychiatric evaluations and reports for legal purposes since 200. His ability to deliver high-quality psychiatric evaluations and reports, coupled with his strategic advisory skills, positions him as a valuable asset in both clinical and legal settings.

## Education and Qualifications

- MB BS London 1992
- MBA Durham 2006
- MSc War & Psychiatry 2009
- FRCPsych 2011
- FHEA 2021

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Royal Society of Medicine
- Independent Doctors Federation  
(Member and Medical Appraiser)



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# Psychologist



# Louise Birkett-Swan

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Louise has been working in Neuropsychological rehabilitation since 1998, initially within post-acute brain injury rehabilitation services. Over the years, she has expanded her expertise to include community neuro-rehabilitation for individuals with brain injuries, those requiring progressive neurological services injury and community residential rehabilitation. She also gained experience in progressive neurological services and led the local NHS service responsible for neuropsychological assessments for individuals without an acquired brain.

In her NHS practice, Louise serves as the lead for dementia and older people's psychology. She has contributed to service development and the creation of national and local policies in areas related to Mild Cognitive Impairment, dementia care, challenging behaviour, the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, and the Mental Capacity Act.

Additionally, Louise has provided training on the impact of brain injury to both professionals, such as through the MSc in Clinical Neuropsychology at Glasgow University, as well as to service users and caregivers. In recent years, she has played an active role in the selection and recruitment of trainee Clinical Psychologists at the University of Leicester, and has been involved in the research components of the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

As the lead for neuropsychological assessment and psychological support across the Memory Assessment Services and Younger Persons with Dementia Service within the NHS, her responsibilities have included the provision of one-on-one psychological interventions for mood-related disorders and the implementation, training, and monitoring of cognitive interventions, such as the use of diaries. In some cases, a member of the direct care team, like a rehabilitation assistant, may work with an individual to provide cognitive interventions, and she offers guidance and supervision in such instances.

In addition to her clinical and expert work, Louise is engaged in research to improve rehabilitation and care quality, published papers, and presented at national and international conferences. She has developed and implemented outcome-related tools, trained teams in their use, as well as on data

## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Psychology  
Causation, Condition and Prognosis  
Court of Protection and Mental Capacity  
Assessment and Report

## Specialisms

- Neuropsychology

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Acquired Brain Injury
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Bipolar Disorder
- Chronic Pain
- Cognitive Issues
- Dementia
- Depression
- Eating Disorders
- Epilepsy
- Functional Neurological Disorder
- Huntington's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Neurological Disorders
- Neurodegenerative Disorders
- Neurotoxicity
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Stroke
- Substance Abuse
- Traumatic Brain Injury

## Location

Northamptonshire



# Louise Birkett-Swan

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Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

collection, collation, and result presentation.

Louise accepts both Claimant and Defendant instructions and has completed expert witness training.

## Education and Qualifications

- Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) - Civil Expert Certificate - Oct 2020
- Diploma in Clinical Neuropsychology - July 2009
- Doctorate in Clinical Psychology - September 2006
- BSc (Hons) 2:1 Psychology with Human Biology

## Professional Development

- 2020 - ACT for working with people with physical health problems, contextual consulting
- 2020 - ACT Matrix, Contextual consulting
- 2020 - Civil Law, parts 1 & 2, Bond Solon
- 2019 - Excellence in report writing, Bond Solon
- 2006 - St Andrew's group of Hospitals Research Prize
- 2005 - Supervisor Training and Recognition, University of Leicester
- 2002 - St Andrew's group of Hospitals Research Prize

## Memberships and Registrations

- Health and Care Professions Council
- British Psychological Society

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# Speech & Language Therapists

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Call: 01327 876210



# Amrita Mahal

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Amrita is a highly skilled speech and language therapist (SLT) with 18 years' of clinical post-graduate experience within the field of swallowing, speech, language, and communication disorders. She provides a wide range of specialist, evidence-based assessment, and management techniques for adults with long-term conditions, TBI, stroke, adult learning disabilities, head and neck cancers and general medicine.

As a trained, specialist SLT in advance Dysphagia, Amrita has undertaken lead roles in the assessment and management of individuals with complex swallowing disorders and as such has expertise in Clinical Bedside Swallow Evaluations and objective assessments of swallow impairment (FEES and Vfs), the neurophysiology associated with swallowing, eating and drinking disorders and the neuromuscular rehabilitation required to address these issues. Amrita specialises functional swallow rehabilitation using up to date evidence-based practice and licenced techniques, such the McNeil Dysphagia Program and the use of IQoro.

Amrita also has expertise as an advanced SLT where voice disorders are concerned, including the impact of reflux (LPR, COPD and Chronic Cough Management) and has completed the Lee Silverman Voice Treatment Course to become a certified trainer in this field. These skills have enabled Amrita to address voice disorders as a specialist SLT, using techniques such as laryngeal manipulation and has also led to her offering voice feminisation therapy within the transgender community. She is also a clinical supervisor for voice clinical exams with The City University, Birmingham.

Amrita has worked closely with case managers, providing specialist assessment and management to individuals with complex swallowing and communication disorders. She has worked in both NHS in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation settings, managing adults with traumatic brain injuries and long-term neurological conditions, and consequent communication, speech, and voice disorders, in addition to her specialist input as an advanced dysphagia expert in this area.

As an advanced SLT practitioner Amrita has also undertaken weekly joint ENT clinics and is experienced in dealing with individuals with head and neck cancers.

## Ages Covered

12 years +

## Report type

Quantum -Speech & Language Therapy

## Specialisms

Adult | Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Augmentive and Alternative Communication
- Brain Injury
- Cancer/Oncology
- Chronic Cough/Reflux
- Cognitive Impairment
- Developmental Delay/Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Dysfluency
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Ear, nose and throat conditions
- Neurological conditions
- Severe Speech Disorders
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Voice Disorders

## Location

Midlands

## Qualifications & Education

- BSc (Hons) Language & Communication Sciences 2005

## Memberships:

- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Anna Jones

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Anna is a highly-specialised, passionate and driven speech and language therapist (SLT) and experienced clinical leader. Her career has focused on the provision of therapeutic speech and language intervention for children with developmental delay, neurological disorders and complex conditions which affect their ability to communicate, articulate speech and develop their language ability.

Anna is also dysphagia qualified and as such is able to assess, diagnose and provide advice and intervention for neonates, children and teenagers who have problems with eating, drinking and swallowing. This includes the provision of specialist SLT intervention for sensory feeding needs associated with early adverse experiences, such as premature birth and neonatal unit stays. She has worked as the service clinical lead for neonatal and paediatric dysphagia where the assessment for oral feeding and tube weaning is required.

In addition to her dysphagia work in the acute setting, Anna has also provided specialist intervention for children with neurodevelopmental related dysphagia, for example, Avoidant, Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID). She has lead ARFID assessment and complex feeding and early intervention clinics, providing SLT and support to children and their families who are struggling to manage ongoing issues surrounding swallowing and eating and drinking. Anna is also experienced in dealing with children with congenital conditions and syndromes which impact their communication and swallowing.

Anna is also experienced in working with children who have sustained acquired brain injuries and major trauma resulting in speech and language conditions, and children who have suffered birth injuries, such as those leading to cerebral palsy, including evolving cerebral palsy following birth trauma; Hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy (HIE) and Cerebral Vascular Accidents (CVA). She is skilled in the provision of therapy to address paediatric speech disorders, speech and language developmental delay and communication disorders and has specific experience in managing children who have associated complex learning and physical needs.

Anna has worked in specialist schools providing a SLT service for sensory-motor disorders, working alongside Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists as part of a multidisciplinary, integrated therapy team. She has experience in the assessment of and SLT provision for children with profound and moderate learning disabilities and autism and is a recognised independent autism assessment practitioner.

## Ages Covered

From birth to 18 years

## Report type

Liability

Quantum - Speech & Language Therapy

## Specialisms

Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Assistive and Augmentive Communication
- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cognitive Impairment
- Developmental Delay/Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Dysfluency
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Genetic conditions
- Learning Disabilities
- Neurological conditions
- Paediatric conditions
- Severe Speech Disorders

## Location

Milton Keynes



# Anna Jones

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Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Anna is trained in Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) and is experienced in both low and high tech AAC interventions as part of SLT therapy for paediatric communication disorders. As such, she works closely with Occupational Therapists where children with complex disabilities require adaptations and environmental controls to link in to AAC systems to improve their functional capacity, communication and independence.

Anna also has experience of assessing children and writing medico legal reports for EHCP tribunal cases. She has also been instructed as an intermediary for criminal defendants and parties involved in family law proceedings where there is an identified communication need. In addition to providing an expert report for cross-examination purposes, her role as an intermediary in this setting requires her to simplify questioning 'live' during witness examination and therefore facilitate the Court process.

Anna has a wealth of diverse experience as a specialist paediatric SLT. She has undertaken expert witness training and as a highly-trained, expert SLT, she is able to provide expert opinion on matters relating to SLT where paediatric catastrophic injury is concerned.

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Psychology 2008
- PG Cert Counselling Skills 2010
- PGDip Speech and Language Therapy 2016
- Dypshagia Qualified
- AAC Certificate

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Catherine Heaps

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Having qualified in 2006, Catherine is a highly trained speech and language therapist specialising in acquired adult neurological conditions and has a breadth of clinical experience. She is experienced in the assessment and management of patients with a wide variety of neurological conditions including traumatic brain injuries, non-traumatic brain injuries such as stroke, brain tumours, encephalitis and progressive neurological conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Huntingdon's or Motor-Neurone Disease.

Catherine has specialised in working with people with aphasia, dysarthria, dyspraxia, dysphagia and cognitive communication difficulties. Experience in both the acute and post-acute stages of recovery and adjustment, enables Catherine to carefully select and administer assessments that are both thorough and accurate, as well as tailoring intervention programmes to individual needs.

She has experience assessing and rehabilitating individuals with severe injuries, such as those diagnosed with a disorder of consciousness, patients with severely impaired speech, language, swallowing or cognitive communication difficulties, as well as working with patients presenting with mild to moderate communication and swallowing impairments.

Catherine has worked as a specialist SLT in a variety of settings including: inpatient acute, intensive inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient clinic, domiciliary and slower stream community rehabilitation. She is highly adept at working autonomously, as well as part of an interdisciplinary team. Catherine has a breadth of clinical experience within the NHS and Independent sectors, currently working both independently in neuro rehabilitation and in an NHS community stroke rehabilitation team.

Catherine has extensive dysphagia (swallowing) experience in both acute and community settings, including patients with a tracheostomy and those receiving mechanical ventilation. She has devised and implemented treatment programmes for patients with a broad range of swallowing difficulties and has experience of administering and interpreting videofluoroscopy examinations.



## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Speech and Language Therapy

## Specialisms

Adult

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Assistive and Augmentive Communication
- Brain Injury
- Cognitive Impairment
- Dysarthria
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Neurological conditions

## Location

Bristol





# Catherine Heaps

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Catherine is both passionate and proficient in delivering a wide range of therapeutic interventions 1:1 and in groups. Catherine is driven by patient-led collaborative goal setting in therapy, through restoration and remediation of function where possible, as well as through utilisation of compensatory and adaptive approaches to recovery. She has knowledge and experience of using technology in both assessment and rehabilitation of swallowing and communication difficulties, including both low-tech and high-tech alternative augmentative communication (AAC) systems, including the use of switches, eye gaze systems or the use of the iPad in therapy.

Catherine tailors assessments and intervention depending on the needs of individuals, by drawing upon different therapeutic approaches, including, but not limited to impairment based therapy, compensatory approaches, motivational interviewing, project based interventions, and acceptance and commitment therapy.

Catherine has undertaken extensive training in safeguarding and mental capacity and is adept at supporting mental capacity assessments for individuals with communication difficulties.

## Education and Qualifications

- MSc Speech and Language Sciences, University College London 2006
- 'NHS Clinical Excellence Prize' (Awarded to the student demonstrating clinical excellence and professionalism across both years of the MSc course)
- SMART qualification (Sensory Modality Assessment and Rehabilitation Technique) 2012
- SMART refresher course 2016

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice
- British Aphasiology Society
- Computers in Therapy Clinical Excellence Network (CITCEN).
- Acquired Brain Injury Clinical Excellence Network (ABICEN).
- Medico-Legal Clinical Excellence Network.
- South West Brain Injury Clinical Excellence Network (SWBICEN).



# Charlotte Litherland

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Charlotte is a highly skilled speech and language therapist with over 18 years' experience of assessing and treating children and adults with communication, speech and language difficulties. Within her clinical roles she has worked with individuals with profound communication difficulties and behaviours of concern, and across acute medical and stroke services, planning, implementing and co-ordinating programmes of therapy in connection with communication and dysphagia.

As part of her roles she has developed and delivered training programmes to a variety of professionals on autism, communication, dysphagia, Makaton, Positive Behaviour Support and sensory integration, and managed teams of speech and language therapists and therapy assistants across the region, developing company-wide policies, procedures and strategies.

She is particularly experienced in the management of communication difficulties arising from autism, having achieved a M(Ed) in Autism with Distinction in 2015, and has undertaken Post Graduate training in Sensory Integration. Charlotte is also fluent in Makaton and is experienced in dealing with communication issues arising from hearing loss.

Charlotte currently works as a consultant speech and language therapist and behaviour support practitioner for the British Institute for Learning Disabilities and is the lead speech and language therapist at Elysium Healthcare, working with adults with mental health problems, acquired brain injuries, degenerative conditions, those on the autism spectrum, learning difficulties and people who are deaf. Charlotte also works as an independent speech and language therapist, providing assessment and treating for both children and adults with all manner of speech, language and communication disorders.

## Ages Covered

From birth

## Report type

Quantum - Speech & Language Therapy

## Specialisms

Adult | Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cognitive Impairment
- Developmental Delay/Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Learning Disabilities
- Neurological conditions
- Severe Speech Disorders

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Clinical Language Sciences (Speech and Language Therapy) 2003
- Post Graduate Dysphagia Qualification 2005
- British Sign Language Level 2 2007
- M(Ed) Autism with Distinction 2015
- Level 2 Certificate in Counselling 2017
- Post Graduate Diploma in Sensory Integration

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council

## Location

Cheshire



# Clare Vaughan

Speech and Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Clare is a highly specialist and experienced speech and language therapist with over 10 years of experience working with children and young people. Within her clinical roles, Clare has worked with individuals with additional needs including Autism, cerebral palsy, and profound and multiple learning and physical difficulties. Her work has included developing and implementing the most appropriate and effective support, communication aids, and overall environment in which to learn and to communicate effectively. As a specialist SALT, Clare has experience of assessments, formulations and diagnosis and treatment/care pathways. Clare is also a qualified dyslexia assessor and is often by families to undertake diagnostic dyslexia assessments. She is an APC certificate holder with PATOSS.

As part of her previous and current roles, Clare has developed and delivered training programmes within schools, colleges and additional settings. These programmes have included autism and communication, identifying and supporting children and young people with speech, language and communication difficulties, creating a communication environment and she has also developed procedures and policies for support in schools and colleges.

Clare currently works as an expert witness where she has been instructed to undertake both quantum and liability assessments and reports. She undertakes instructions from both Claimant and Defendant Solicitors. She has also been jointly instructed for a number of cases. Her Claimant/Defendant split is currently an even split. Since working with Bush Company, Clare has undertaken over 100 instructions for causation and quantum places. She is experienced in report writing, and attending meetings with Counsel to discuss cases. Clare is regularly instructed by Solicitors who have instructed her previously.

In addition to her medico-legal role, Clare is regularly instructed by families who require expert SALT opinion for educational tribunal purposes and is frequently required to attend tribunal hearings.

In addition to her involvement in educational settings and her expert witness work, Clare has also worked as an independent private SALT since 2014. She carries a caseload of children and young people with all manner of speech and language difficulties including those who have sustained a brain injury, cerebral palsy and stroke. Clare is also trained in providing SALT support to individuals who have attachment difficulties

## Ages Covered

Liability: From 2 years +  
Quantum: From 6 years +

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Speech and Language Therapy

## Specialisms

Adult | Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Assistive & Augmentive Communication
- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cleft Palate
- Cognitive Impairment
- Developmental Delay/Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Dyslexia
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Genetic conditions
- Learning Disabilities
- Neurological conditions
- Selective Mutism
- Autism

## Location

North West



# Clare Vaughan

Speech and Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

and communication difficulties arising out of experiencing complex trauma. She is highly knowledgeable in the treatment of behavioural, social and psychological aspects of speech and communication difficulties, working with individuals who have selective mutism, word-finding difficulties and anxiety disorders which affect their emotional literacy and their ability to communicate. Clare is also knowledgeable in the use of alternative and augmentative communication technology both low and high tech to support communication in individuals.

Clare has a wealth of experience and has undertaken extensive expert witness training with Bush & Co and she is able to provide her expert opinion on matters relating to SLT.

## Education and Qualifications

- Certificate in Education (PTTLS/CTTLS) Post 16 (2010)
- BSc. (Hons) Speech and Language Pathology (2012)
- Makaton Foundation Workshop (2012)
- Elklan Tutor Training (2013)
- Social Stories Workshop (2013)
- Post Basic Dysphagia (2015)
- Post Graduate Certificate in SpLD (Dyslexia) 2017
- ICAN Talkboost KS2 (2017)
- ICAN Charity Talk about Talk Secondary (2018)
- Selective Mutism Training (2018)
- National Secondary Clinical Excellence Network (2018 & 2019)
- Supporting Attachment Difficulties and Complex Trauma (2022)
- Paediatric Autism Communication Therapy (2021)
- Level 2 Counselling Skills (2022)
- Introduction to Expert Witness in Medico-Legal (2022)
- Muyepa for Non-Care Experts (2022)
- When Experts Go Rogue (2023)
- Causation for Quantum Experts (2023)
- Sensory Processing Autism, Anxiety and Trauma (2023)
- AAC Online Training (2023 - ongoing)
- Psychology Conversion Course (2024 - ongoing)
- Advanced Safeguarding Children and Young People Level 2 (2024)

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists
- Health Care Professions Council



# Hannah Todd

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Hannah is a highly skilled speech and language therapist (SLT) with expertise across multiple areas of language and communication pathologies having worked within NHS, private and medicolegal settings. Her main area of expertise lies within the assessment and provision of specialist SLT therapy for individuals with communication difficulties, Learning Disabilities, swallowing difficulties, Autism, Mental Health difficulties, Neurodegenerative brain disorders and Aphasia. She has worked across mental health and forensic mental health settings supporting individuals who have behaviours that challenge alongside their speech, language and communication difficulties and she has particular experience in working with children who are within the care system who have social emotional and mental health (SEHM) needs.

Hannah also currently undertakes work as a registered intermediary for the National Crime Agency/ Ministry of Justice working for the Court to support witnesses of crime (complainants or witnesses) through giving their evidence both to the Police and during their cross examination at the Court trial. This role involves the assessment of individuals and the provision of support to officers and advocates with the best way to work with children and adults with communication difficulties or Mental Health needs. She works with a wide variety of individuals who have Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) alongside other conditions such as Autism, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health difficulties, Dementia, and Aphasia.

Hannah has also undertaken specialist SLT roles working with individuals at risk of offending, defendants, those with community orders and individuals transitioning back into the community who have either been in Prison or Forensic Inpatient Services. She worked particularly with individuals who have a diagnosis of Autism with or without an accompanying Learning Disability, and individuals with a Learning Disability. Hannah has also worked with individuals in secure settings with a Learning Disability who had either been sectioned under the Mental Health Act or had a forensic bed due to their offence. Hannah has provided specialist SLT within medium, low secure and step-down facilities. She has also supported individuals with Autism with an accompanying Learning Disability on a Section 3 who have had complex needs

## Ages Covered

7 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Speech & Language Therapy

## Specialisms

- Adult
- Assistive Technology
- Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Assistive and Augmentive Communication
- Cognitive Impairment
- Developmental Delay/Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Dyslexia
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Learning Disabilities
- Paediatric conditions
- Severe Speech Disorders

## Location

Skipton



# Hannah Todd

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Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

and Individual Packages of Care (IPC) in place to support their needs.

In addition to working with children with speech and language disorders who have SEMH needs, Hannah has experience in working with adults and as part of a Mental Health Service for Older People (MHSOP). This role involved working in various inpatient wards for adults over 65 years old with Dementia or an array of Mental Health and Physical Health conditions. She has also worked with adults who have profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) and Autism with an accompanying learning disability in a community Learning Disability Team and all IQ adult Autism diagnostic team.

Hannah has a real passion for working across the medico legal industry and criminal justice system with individuals with communication difficulties and understands the value that supporting someone's communication needs can have to their journey to rehabilitation and/or recovery.

## Education and Qualifications

- BA Hons Theatre and English Literature
- BSc Hons Clinical Language Sciences (Speech and Language Therapy)
- Registered Intermediary Training – Ministry of Justice
- ADOS-2 and ADI-R registered assessor training
- Talking Mats

## Memberships and Registrations

- Health and Care Professions Council
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice (ASLTIP)
- Intermediaries for Justice



# Jennifer Lawton

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Jennifer is a highly specialised paediatric speech and language therapist (SLT) with over 20 years' experience in the assessment and therapeutic management of children and young people with conditions affecting their speech, language and communication.

Jennifer currently provides independent SLT assessment and intervention to children at a clinical base and in their educational settings, including preschool, mainstream and special school settings. She sees a broad spectrum of disorders affecting the development of speech, language and communication in children of all ages, including learning difficulties, developmental disorders, dysfluency, autism, complex needs and neurological conditions. Jennifer works closely with families and school staff to plan and deliver individualised therapeutic, educational programmes and speech and language therapy targets that are integral to the education and development of a child.

She has a special interest in working with deaf children and those with hearing impairments, providing therapy to support their listening skills, their learning and their ability to communicate effectively. Jennifer is trained in Makaton, enabling her to help children who have developmental language disorders and severe hearing impairments which limit their ability to interact and communicate with their family, their peers and within their educational setting. She is a certified Makaton tutor and ELKLAN trained and as such is able to deliver training packages to nursery's and schools who need to provide communicative and developmental support to children.

Jennifer has worked previously as a special schools co-ordinator, managing a team of therapists and assistants working in special schools across Solihull whilst carrying a clinical caseload within those schools of paediatric dysphagia and communication difficulties. This role involved the design and implementation of a new dysphagia policy and prioritisation system and the integration of Access to Communication and Technology (ACT). She has also worked within NHS settings, managing children in Early Years Assessment Units with complex needs and associated communication and swallowing difficulties and in schools for children with physical difficulties.

## Ages Covered

From birth to 18 years

## Report type

Liability  
Quantum - Speech & Language Therapy

## Specialisms

Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Assistive and Augmentive Communication
- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cognitive Impairment
- Developmental Delay/Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Dysfluency
- Dyslexia
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Learning Disabilities
- Neurological conditions
- Paediatric conditions

## Location

Kenilworth



# Jennifer Lawton

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Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

In these roles, Jennifer provided training on Total Communication Environments (TCE), intensive interaction and feeding skills to parents and professionals and was responsible for the writing of clinical care pathways and Total Communication policies.

Jennifer is also PROMT certified, a specialist, evidence-based and multidimensional speech therapy approach to managing speech production disorders using tactile kinaesthetic cues to prompt the movement of the jaw, lips and tongue, thereby addressing the physical-sensory, cognitive-linguistic and social-emotional aspects of oral motor conditions.

Owing to her breadth of experience in dealing with children with complex speech, language and communication disorders across NHS, educational and private sectors, Jennifer is able to provide detailed reports identifying the key underlying issues and long term needs of children and young people who have disorders and injuries affecting their ability to develop their speech and language, and understand and participate in communication effectively.

## Education and Qualifications

- BMedSci Speech Science 2002
- Post Registration Paediatric Dysphagia (Quest Training)
- Makaton Tutor 2008
- ELKLAN Independent Tutor 2014
- Speech and Language Licensed Tutor 2014
- PROMPT Certified 2022

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Association of Independent Speech and Language Therapists
- Health Care Professionals Council

## Additional Languages

- Makaton





# Leanne Nicholson

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Leanne has an impressive depth of expertise in dysphagia and communication disorders, critical care, and brain injury. Her work spans from the hyper-acute stages through to community rehabilitation, with a focus on managing complex cases involving swallowing and communication challenges.

Having worked across multiple NHS and private settings, Leanne has managed patients who have swallowing and/or communication difficulties arising from stroke, traumatic brain injury, head and neck cancer or acute illness. As such, she has skills and expertise in aphasia, oral or verbal dyspraxia, dysarthria and cognitive communication impairments as well as those in low awareness states. Leanne has extensive experience working with patients in the hyper acute and critical care settings, including individuals with tracheostomy and those requiring additional ventilation. She has experience of working as a clinical lead in conducting videofluoroscopy and fibre optic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES).

Leanne has led SLT teams as well as AHP Stroke teams, coordinating neurorehabilitation services within stroke and neurological inpatient settings and providing training and education of health professionals working with complex neurological disorders. Her expertise has enabled her to lead on the collective clinical management of individuals with complex communication and swallowing impairments and she has provided teaching within NHS departments, regionally and nationally on dysphagia, tracheostomy care and management and FEES.

Leanne currently works as a Band 8b professional and divisional lead for Adult SLT Services in the UK's largest NHS Trust. She has operational and governance responsibilities, leading 56 SLTs across four hospital sites and is accountable for training, clinical effectiveness, audit and research.

Leanne also works in independent practice, where she provides private SLT for acquired speech, language, communication and swallowing pathologies and is the UK's sole provider of Phagenyx (pharyngeal electrical stimulation).

As a respected NHS and independent clinician, Leanne was invited by NICE to be a national clinical expert on the subject of

## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Report type

Liability

Quantum - Speech & Language Therapy  
Causation, Condition & Prognosis

## Specialisms

Adult

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brain Injury
- Cancer/Oncology
- Chronic cough/Reflux
- Cognitive Impairment
- Dysarthria
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Ear, nose and throat conditions
- Neurological conditions
- Severe Speech Disorders
- Verbal Dyspraxia

## Location

Manchester



# Leanne Nicholson

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Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

pharyngeal electrical stimulation.

Leanne has undertaken expert witness training through Bond Solon and at Bush & Co. She accepts both Claimant, Defendant and Joint Instruction and brings a wealth of clinical knowledge and experience to her expert witness work as a renowned expert in her area.

## Education and Qualifications

- MSc Speech and Language Sciences, University College London, 2008
- Videofluoroscopy competencies completed 2010
- Tracheostomy competencies completed 2010
- FEES competencies completed 2014

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Mandy Fairweather

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Mandy qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 1994. Since 1995 most of her clinical experience has been within the field of acquired brain injury in adults.

Mandy spent 4 years working as a Specialist Speech and Language Therapist in the multi-disciplinary team at the National Centre for Brain Injury Rehabilitation. She proceeded to the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, where she provided Speech and Language Therapy Services for a further seven years. Mandy has extensive experience of neuro-behavioural interventions.

In addition to the rehabilitation setting, she has worked in the acute sector providing services to several NHS hospitals. Her clinical responsibilities were primarily to Neurological Wards, although she has also worked within the Community Team, supporting clients in the home setting. She provided Outpatient Services for clients with acquired neurological deficits including stroke, brain injury and degenerative conditions.

In 2000, Mandy took up a position in the Community Rehabilitation Team, Auckland, New Zealand. This role provided an advisory and training service to brain injury rehabilitation and residential facilities as well as meeting the needs of dysphagic and communication impaired adults in their homes.

She provides external training on brain injury related topics and continues to promote the needs of brain-injured adults amongst the wider community. Mandy belongs to a number of peer support groups for speech and language therapists working in brain injury. She adheres to registration standards in her ongoing professional development. Mandy attends annual training in courtroom skills and report writing.

Mandy has provided a Consultative Service to local rehabilitation settings including Badby Park Neurological Centre and St Andrews Healthcare, Northampton. Currently she manages her own independent practice, treating adults and young people with a range of communication and swallowing disorders, as well as providing training packages to Support Worker Teams and families. She works closely with Case Managers. She has a particular interest in cognitive and



## Ages Covered

16 years +

## Report type

Quantum – Speech & Language Therapist

## Specialisms

- Adult
- Assistive Technology

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Assistive and Augmentive Communication
- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cognitive Impairment
- Dysarthria
- Dyslexia
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Neurological conditions

## Location

Warwickshire



Mandy was very helpful in this difficult and complex case. She was responsive and reasonable throughout.

Instructing Party



# Mandy Fairweather

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Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

social communication after brain injury and offers an interdisciplinary approach to assessment and treatment. Supporting adults vocationally after brain injury remains a key focus of Mandy's work. Mandy is currently part of Head Strong, a group of experienced Speech and Language therapists specialising in brain injury assessment and rehabilitation across the Midlands and Eastern regions.

## Education and Qualifications

- Leeds Metropolitan University (Year 1991 – 1994) BSc (hons) Clinical Language Sciences (Speech and Language Therapy)

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council

## Book Chapters

- The Impact of Executive Function Impairments on Communication in Rehabilitation of Executive Disorders: A guide to theory and practice 2008, by S Corkery and M Fairweather. Edited by Mike Oddy and Andrew Worthington, Oxford University Press.



I have worked with Mandy before and know that she is a very clear and comprehensive witness whose evidence is often uncontroversial and accepted by the other side.

**Instructing Party**



# Michelle Whitton

Speech and Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Michelle is an experienced specialist speech and language therapist, having practised consistently from 1985. She is primarily specialist in children's disorders and those of young people. As well as having longstanding expertise in all forms of communication from non-verbal, verbal, augmentative and alternative communication, voice output technology and eye gaze systems, she is also experienced in dysphagia.

Michelle has wide clinical experience of a variety of communication problems associated with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury, neurological syndromes and autism, and also has expertise in working with clients with complex needs and sensory loss. She also is experienced in the management of swallowing problems and non-oral feeding.

Michelle has both clinical and academic experience. She has expertise in augmentative and alternative communication and has worked at Lancaster University in communication aid development and produced language software. She has worked both in the USA and in Europe in delivering support and training to communication aid users, their families and carers. At the University of Manchester she acted as academic tutor for studies in Complex Needs and Communication, and provided clinical supervision to undergraduate students of Speech and Language Pathology.

Michelle works as an expert witness in conjunction to her consultancy role as speech and language therapist. Her clinical focus is on children, young people and adults who have a wide range of needs; her experience includes assessing, supporting and reviewing her clients' use of alternative and augmentative means of communication and communication technology. She has expertise in working on communication across the curriculum for Education Health and Care Plans and in providing staff training programmes. Advice on dysphagia management is also an area of her expertise.

Michelle regularly undertakes medico-legal work and has been an active expert witness since 1996, with experience at trial and in cross examination. She is actively involved in continued professional development in terms of medico-legal training.

## Ages Covered

From 2 - 25 years

## Report type

Quantum - Speech & Language Therapy

## Specialisms

Paediatric | Assistive Technology

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Assistive and Augmentive Communication
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cognitive Impairment
- Developmental Delay/Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Genetic conditions
- Learning Disabilities
- Neurological conditions
- Paediatric conditions
- Severe Speech Disorders

## Location

Lancaster

## Education and Qualifications

- Manchester Metropolitan University (Year 1998) Diploma in Paediatric Dysphagia
- University of Newcastle Upon Tyne (Year 1982 - 1985) BSc (Hons) Speech

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Rose Beeching

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

With over 14 years of experience spanning the NHS, private, and international healthcare sectors, Rose brings a comprehensive Speech and Language Therapy skill set to expert witness work. Her career has encompassed diverse NHS environments, including acute care, neurological rehabilitation units, inpatient mental health, and, for the past eight years, community-based services primarily in and around London. Currently, Rose practices part-time at Watford Hospital in a private capacity and also works independently as a private speech and language therapist, seeing patients with a diverse range of neurological conditions, including individuals who have suffered a brain injury, those with swallowing difficulties and clients with degenerative brain conditions such as dementia and progressive neurological disorders.

Rose's therapeutic approach is holistic, focusing on the multifaceted aspects of function, activity, and participation affected by communication and swallowing disorders. Having worked across multiple sectors and healthcare environments and closely with various multidisciplinary teams, including stroke teams, neurological rehab teams and within neuropsychiatric teams, Rose excels in navigating complex discussions with medical staff, social care colleagues, and other community services, ensuring clear communication and integration of information regarding diagnoses and management of communication and dysphagia.

Prior to undertaking a role within the private sector, Rose worked as a band 7 team lead for the Brent Community Speech Therapy team, where she developed clinical leadership skills and contributed to service development. Key initiatives included establishing a multi-disciplinary team meeting to enhance care integration for patients with neurological conditions, developing a new triage system to reduce waiting times, and strengthening links with specialist community services.

Rose has specialist expertise in all aspects of swallowing assessment and rehabilitation over the last 14 years having worked with patients who have dysphagia across the continuum from low arousal clients with severe dysphagia requiring enteral feeding support, gradual introduction of oral intake and individualised swallowing therapy, to clients with milder swallowing difficulties who require support to optimise their swallow safety and quality of life. She has carried out hundreds of dysphagia assessments with clients in acute, post-acute, specialist rehabilitation units, community settings and palliative care.

Rose has advanced clinical skills in dysphagia assessment and management, including devising personalised dysphagia care plans and rehabilitation programmes. This has involved conducting detailed assessments of swallowing function, analysing swallow physiology, and developing tailored management plans to address individual patient needs. As a specialist in this area, Rose has up to date knowledge of current and effective evidence-based dysphagia

## Ages Covered

18 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Speech & Language Therapy

## Specialisms

Adult

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Assistive and Augmentive Communication
- Brain Injury
- Cognitive Impairment
- Chronic Cough/Reflux
- Dysarthria
- Dysfluency
- Dyslexia
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Neurological conditions
- Severe Speech Disorders
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Voice Disorders

## Location

East Sussex



# Rose Beeching

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

therapy and rehabilitation techniques to support more rapid resolution of swallowing difficulties.

As part of her role as a specialist in dysphagia, Rose has delivered numerous training sessions within the NHS to elevate staff proficiency in managing swallowing and communication impairments.

Additionally, Rose has undertaken further training in Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) and a post graduate module in acquired language disorders. She possess experience in managing neurological voice disorders and has specialist skills in addressing cognitive impairment and rehabilitation from a speech and language perspective, an essential tool in helping those who are struggling with the effects of dementia.

Rose also has experience of working with clients in a variety of rehabilitation settings with neurobehavioural challenges and/or mental health conditions, including functional neurological diagnoses and residual neurobehavioural changes post-brain injury.

Internationally, she has engaged in voluntary and paid projects in Vietnam with the Trinh Foundation Australia NGO and Handicap International, supported by USAID. My roles included clinical supervisor, mentor, teacher, and consultant, contributing to the development of the profession in Vietnam over approximately eight months.

Additionally, I have volunteered and lectured in Sri Lanka at hospitals in Colombo and Kandy and at the Bangladesh Health Professionals Institute in 2014. As a certified life coach, I have further refined my advanced listening and interpersonal communication skills.

Rose's extensive experience in the field of adult neurological speech and language therapy enables her to evaluate complex cases involving neurological catastrophic injury, arising from clinical negligence or personal injury. She is able to provide expert opinion regarding the condition, prognosis, and likely short and long term requirements of Claimants with catastrophic and life-changing injuries from an expert speech and language perspective.

Rose has undertaken formal expert witness training and accepts instructions from both Claimant and Defendant instructing parties.

## Education and Qualifications

- 2009 Leeds Metropolitan University (now Leeds Beckett University) BSc Clinical Language Sciences (2:1)
- 2017 University of Sheffield - Acquired Language Disorders (Post Graduate Module) (2:1)
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists RC0030440 (RCSLT)

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council



# Simone James

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Simone is a Highly Specialised Speech and Language Therapist with twenty-two years' experience in providing diagnosis and intervention for Speech Language Communication Needs and Dysphagia. She qualified at De Montfort University in 1999. Working across NHS acute inpatient, community outpatient, domiciliary services and inpatient secure mental health, Simone is skilled in supporting adults with acquired and progressive neurological conditions including traumatic brain injury, stroke, dementia, Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's Disease and Huntingdon's Disease.

Recent clients have included those accessing:

Community Stroke Rehabilitation - where fully functioning adults now face challenges such as severe weakness in limbs, poor balance, visual difficulties, cognitive functioning difficulties receptive and expressive communication impairment, dysarthric speech and swallowing difficulties.

Acute Medicine - where adults are either planned or emergency admissions requiring assessment and management of swallowing or communication difficulties due to post surgery complications, respiratory disease, heart failure, cancer, frailty, gastrointestinal conditions.

Videofluoroscopy Clinic - where adults from inpatient or outpatient setting require assessment of swallow using videofluoroscopy investigation to assist in identifying aspiration risk, potential for rehabilitation of swallow, or longer-term management of eating and drinking needs.

Simone has also previously worked with both children and adults with complex health and social care needs due to learning disabilities, pervasive developmental disorders and challenging behaviour. She has experience of working in diagnostic services as part of large multidisciplinary teams supporting both clients and their families to come to terms with life changing diagnoses. She has developed and delivered a variety of Communication and Dysphagia training packages to both health and social care staff, along with presenting at regional and national Speech and Language Therapy Conferences.



## Ages Covered

Liability - 19 years +  
Quantum - 12 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Speech & Language Therapy

## Specialisms

- Adult
- Paediatric

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

- Brain Injury
- Cancer/Oncology
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cognitive Impairment
- Developmental Delay/Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Dysfluency
- Dysphagia/Swallowing
- Verbal Dyspraxia
- Ear, nose and throat conditions
- Learning Disabilities
- Neurological conditions
- Severe Speech Disorders

## Location

Northampton





# Simone James

Speech & Language Therapist  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Simone is experienced in senior leadership and has managed large clinical teams, with responsibility for quality and governance, policy development, student placements, clinical supervision, professional registration, audit, recruitment and appraisal. This complex leadership caseload required a strong eye for detail and clinical expertise. With a strong commitment to continuing professional development, Simone continues to regularly undertake specialist courses and modules to gain specific knowledge of conditions, secondary complications and evidenced based interventions. She links with a variety of Clinical Excellence Networks via her membership of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy and is also registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

Simone has recently stepped outside of her NHS role and has now set up her own private practice, which allows clients to access more bespoke services for both their communication and swallowing needs.

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc Hons Human Communication
- Post Qualification Dysphagia Course at Manchester Metropolitan University – November 2000
- PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) January 2001
- Facial Oral Tract Therapy – July 2002
- Cervical Auscultation Course – October 2003
- Aspergers Syndrome Course with Sheffield Hallam University – 2006
- CBT Skills for SLT's Working with Psychogenic Voice Disorders – November 2009
- Pam Enderby Therapy Outcome Measures Workshop – June 2010
- ADOS-2 Registered Assessor Training 2015
- Talking Mats – Improving Communication, Improving Lives – Nov 2015
- Penny Ferguson's 'A Leaders Journey' – January and March 2016
- Coaching Conversations – January 2018
- McNeill Dysphagia Therapy Program (MDTP) – June 2018
- Completion of RCSLT Videofluoroscopy Competencies Jan 2020
- Core Principles for Respiratory Muscle Training (RMT) March 2020
- Head and Neck Cancer: The basics for SLTs – June 2021
- Dysphagia and COPD – August 2021
- Sensory Recalibration for Improving Speech in Parkinson's Disease – September 2021

## Memberships and Registrations

- Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council

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# Accommodation Expert



# Christopher Woodman

Surveyor

Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Chris started his professional career as an architectural technician in a number of prestigious practices, where he gained significant experience of undertaking projects, including constructing new inclusive residences, or adapting existing buildings to suit the future needs of the occupants. This included both minor and major refurbishment works, making properties fit for occupants with specific needs and requirements. This work gave him experience of both how to principally adapt buildings but also how to produce detailed specifications and drawings to procure the construction work as well as extensive knowledge of architecture and how to adapt buildings of all differing types and ages. This included listed and historic buildings where the restrictions and complications can be greater than in new build properties.

Chris' passion for the Built Environment and Architecture saw his career develop into building surveying, utilising his drawing and technical skills in a practical and physical context. He achieved a degree in Building Surveying whilst working at the University of Essex as a Project Officer. This role enabled him to work within the commercial environment and deliver multi-million pound capital and refurbishment projects.

As part of his role he championed accessibility and a number of high-profile schemes that required significant adaptations to existing buildings, taking into account all of the legislative and regulatory standards required. Such projects included the refurbishment of a building to provide mock hospital wards and home environments where nurses would train to care for people significantly injured and requiring specific medical care. Through becoming a qualified building surveyor he learned not only how to adapt buildings physically but also how to understand building pathology. This included the ability to physically examine buildings, diagnose defects and understand in greater detail whether a building is suitable for adaptation or not due to limitations.

To further develop his skills and experience he then moved into the role of a construction project manager working in client-side positions, as a consultant and a divisional manager for a main contractor. All of these positions gave me a broader range of experience in managing works and delivering them on site. It was often in challenging circumstances and demanded



## Ages Covered

2 years +

## Report type

Quantum – Accommodation

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

Chris is able to complete accommodation quantum reports on a wide range of injury types, which are not exclusive to:

- Amputation
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Birth Injury
- Developmental Delay
- Brain Injury
- Cauda Equina
- Cerebral Palsy
- Chronic Pain
- Incontinence
- Learning Disabilities
- Oncology
- Orthopaedic
- Sensory Loss
- Spinal Injury
- Stroke
- Visual Impairment.

## Location

Colchester



# Christopher Woodman

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Surveyor

Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

the highest levels of professionalism and stakeholder consideration. Also during his career he has refined his knowledge of measuring and costing works to complement past experience.

Chris is considered an advocate of inclusive and adaptive design throughout all areas of his work and specialises in difficult property adaptations to meet specific medical needs. He considers my strongest quality to be the manner and diplomacy of how he conduct myself professionally in all given circumstances.

## Education and Qualifications

- BSc. (Hons) Building Surveying.
- HNC Construction.
- HND Interior Architecture and Spatial Design.

## Memberships and Registrations

- MCIQB, Member Chartered Institute of Building.
- MAPM, Member Association of Project Management.



Chris has been able to provide the expertise to technically look at a build and establish if the regulatory requirements have been met and scrutinise invoices and the costs of work funded. A skill set we do not have as a charity and adds that extra layer of scrutiny, for us to make the best decision.

Instructing Party

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# Vocational Expert



# Hannah Giles

Vocational Professional  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Hannah is a Vocational Rehabilitation Professional with over 10 years' experience of working with clients who have wide ranging needs. She has gained comprehensive experience in complex case management including physical disability, mental health, learning disabilities and brain injury, and she has also worked as UK Operations Manager for two of the UK's largest Vocational Rehabilitation providers, including management of several teams of Consultants delivering Vocational Assessment and Case Management Services across a number of specialist retention, transition and return to work contracts.

Through this experience of managing Vocational Rehabilitation services Hannah has supervised, developed and delivered training to many staff working within this sector, and serviced contracts with employers, the medico-legal sector and the Military. This compliments her hands on experience of assessing and case managing clients, which has been gained in both welfare to work and private referral settings.

Hannah graduated her British Psychological Society (BPS) approved Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 2004, achieving graduate basis for registration. After a number of years working in vocational rehabilitation, she qualified as a Certified Disability Management Professional (CDMP), through the International Disability Management Standards Council. This certification is maintained annually through submission of a portfolio of industry relevant continuing professional development evidence. Hannah also holds professional membership of the Vocational Rehabilitation Association and Case Management Society UK, both of which are granted following assessment of a portfolio of evidence.

Hannah has comprehensive experience working with clients who have varied and complex health barriers, liaising with a variety of health professionals and partner agencies. When making recommendations, Hannah is careful to ensure that appropriate guidance is sought from relevant treating practitioners. Hannah's reports identify alternative roles that the injured party could be expected to undertake, taking into consideration expert medical opinion regarding functional capacity, alongside the claimant's education, work history and transferable skills.

## Ages Covered

From 19 years +

## Report type

Quantum - Vocational

## Specialisms

Vocational Rehabilitation | Career Redirection | Reasonable Adjustments | Vocational Assessment | Return to Work | Meaningful Activity and Voluntary Work

## Injury/Condition/Expertise

Hannah is able to complete quantum reports on a wide range of injury types including:

- Brain Injury
- Amputation
- Mental Health
- Ex forces/military
- Vocational Rehabilitation

## Location

Birmingham



Excellent comprehensive report, provided promptly.

Kate Samuel, Admiral Law



# Hannah Giles

Vocational Professional  
Associate Expert Witness

## Experience

Hannah has provided Vocational Rehabilitation consultancy to several major employers including BT and Marks and Spencer, as well as many small to medium enterprises, working with these employers and organisations to provide advice on Equality Act requirements and the provision of reasonable adjustments in the workplace. Hannah has also designed and delivered general and condition specific disability awareness training to individuals, teams and groups of Managers.

Hannah is experienced in providing Vocational Assessments and Psychometric Profiling for clients requiring return to work and redeployment solutions, including specialist experience of catastrophic injury and mental health conditions in adults.

Hannah has spent significant time working with Wounded, Injured and Sick (WIS) Service Personnel and Veterans. She worked integrally with the Defence Recovery Capability programme to develop a bespoke vocational assessment package and delivered and developed this provision as a key part of the recovery pathway for WIS personnel requiring transition into civilian occupations.

Hannah has used her expertise of health conditions and reasonable adjustments to contribute to and edit the new Remploy Disability Guide, which is widely distributed to employers as an educational and support resource and she has also contributed to CIPD research on workplace wellbeing and vocational rehabilitation.

## Education and Qualifications

- British Psychological Society (Year 2011) 'Level A' Test User: Occupational Ability
- International Disability Management Standards Council (Year 2013) Certified Disability Management Professional qualification
- Aston University (2000 - 2004) BSc (Hons) Psychology
- Dyslexia Awareness - Recognition and Screening
- NVQ Mental Health Awareness in the Workplace
- NEET - Supporting young people Not in Education, Employment or Training
- Motivational Interviewing Practice in Disability Rehabilitation
- Brain Injury Awareness Training

## Memberships and Registrations

- Registered Certified Disability Management Professional with the International Disability Management Standards Council
- Professional Member of the Vocational Rehabilitation Association
- Case Management Society UK
- Occupational Testing Registered User with the British Psychological Society