



Name Christine Waites

Title Social Worker - Expert Witness

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Overview of Professional Experience

Christine is a highly experienced professional with over 40 years' experience. Her impressive career has covered both health and social care where she has worked as a qualified Social Worker and Registered Nurse (for people with learning disabilities).

Christine's expertise derives from varied and complex cases involving acquired or traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and addiction. She also regularly works with people who have cerebral palsy, autism, sensory needs, learning disabilities and behaviours that can be challenging. Furthermore, Christine is experienced in areas including mental health, hearing loss, dementia and those with aging needs and she has worked with client's who have young families and dependents.

Alongside her expert witness role, Christine is an independent Case Manager, and she holds a number of both settled and unsettled complex cases. She is actively involved in carrying out Initial Needs Assessments, managing all aspects of support teams such as recruitment and line management and developing and coordinating multi-disciplinary teams. Furthermore, Christine utilises her knowledge and skills to secure appropriate statutory funding from both health and local authorities where appropriate.

Christine's long career has involved providing extensive assessments of needs to establish individual's care and support requirements, and to develop and commission care accordingly. She has worked in strategic and senior management

roles and has extensive experience in managing teams at all levels including registered managers and other professional colleagues.

Furthermore, Christine has experience in assessing and sourcing appropriate properties for clients, and seeking specialist assessments for bespoke equipment.

Christine's practice is rooted in a person centred and inclusive approach, and includes working with clients' wider support networks such as family and friends as appropriate. She also has experience in Mental Capacity assessments and is skilled in understanding the impact of capacity issues.

Christine uses her plethora of knowledge and skills for her expert witness roles in respect of quantum elements of claims and to date her work has predominantly involved claimants however she is open to more work with defendants.

Professional Qualifications, Registrations & Memberships

- Social Work England
- BABICM

Education

Christine has studied at a number of academic institutions through her carer including University of Greenwich, University of East Anglia, and the Open University to gain her professional qualifications and advance her knowledge and skills.

Expert Witness Experience

Christine has been working as an expert witness since September 2023. She has completed a number of expert reports relating to care for people with physical injuries, and/or Traumatic brain injury and the acceleration of dementia care following index incidents.

Expert Witness Training

- Maggie Sargent – 2 days training September 2023
- BH Experts Ltd 2 - day Expert Witness course – December 2024
- Expert in the Courts – delivered by Kings Chambers, Leeds December 2024

Indemnity

- Full indemnity insurance with Tokio Marine HCC