

## Curriculum Vitae

Martin Brown

Registered General Nurse with The Nursing and Midwifery Council UK.

### Professional Qualifications:

Level	Subject	Year obtained
Sobell study centre Certificate	Advanced course in pain and symptom management	2014
Coventry university Certificate	Independent Nurse Prescribing	2006
Warwick university Post Graduate Award	Palliative Care: Care of the dying	2004
University of Birmingham Post Graduate Diploma	Counselling	2002
Wolverhampton university Batchelor of Science (Hons)	Health Studies	1996
Sir Michael Sobell House Oxford	Care of the patient with advanced cancer	1992
Birmingham Polytechnic Diploma in Professional Studies (Nursing)	Community Health Studies	1991
English National Board for Nursing Midwifery & Health Visiting	District Nursing	1991
Open University	A systematic approach to nursing care	1989
English National Board for Nursing Midwifery & Health Visiting course 931	Care of the dying patient and the family	1988
English National Board for Nursing Midwifery & Health Visiting course 934	Care and management of people with AIDS and HIV	1988
Royal college of Nursing Institute of advanced nursing education	In-Flight Nursing course	1987
English National Board for Nursing Midwifery & Health Visiting	General Nursing level 1	1986
City and Guilds of London Institute	Certificate for Hospital Operating Department Assistants	1981

### **Expert Witness training: -**

Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Certificate 2023

Completed elements:

Excellence in Report Writing

Cross Examination and Courtroom Skills

Law and Procedure (Civil)



I continue to attend conferences and CPD training to keep updated within my area of expertise.

### **Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) Training**

Legal training for medical expert witnesses 2020

Discussions between experts 2021


Lessons for experts 2021

Changing your opinion 2021

The Joint expert and the meeting of experts 2024

Damages in anticipation of death and damages and losses prior to death 2025

### **Memberships**

- Association of Personal injury Lawyers APIL 1<sup>st</sup> Tier member recommended.
- Member of  **EXPERT WITNESS INSTITUTE**

### **Expert Witness Experience.**

#### **Specialty**

Since 2021, I have specialised in cases of occupational exposure to asbestos and assessment of the resultant care needs. My preference is to assess by visiting clients where possible to produce a more holistic assessment for the court. I produce assessments for past care and loss of services in fatal claims.

#### **Case focus experience.**

My work to date has been purely claimant based. I am open to receiving defence and joint expert instructions. I average two cases per month. I have participated in case

conferences with counsel, joint discussions between experts and production of joint statements. To date I have not been required to attend court.

### **Professional work experience.**

Initially I qualified as a Hospital Operating Department Assistant. My duties ranged from assisting anaesthetists and being the 'scrubbed assistant' in charge of the operating theatre during surgery. I worked in many areas of surgery, general, urology, obstetrics, gynaecology, orthopaedics, Eye, ENT, Vascular, plastic/reconstruction and paediatric. I assisted in Intensive care and formed part of the resuscitation team.

I then trained and qualified as a Registered General Nurse working as a staff nurse on a large medical unit. I rotated through specialisms with diabetes, gastrointestinal, chronic diseases, infectious diseases, dialysis, endoscopy, and coronary care.

Following relocation, I worked as an agency nurse in various NHS settings, private hospitals, and nursing homes for several months.

I was appointed as charge nurse in a community GP led hospital where I developed palliative care and Primary nursing. As a second employment I worked as a Marie Curie nurse giving one to one care to palliative care patients in their homes.

I further trained and qualified as a District nurse assessing patient's, planning, managing, and delivering their care. Caring for palliative and end of life patients at home was a core function of the service.

My specific interest in palliative care led to my undertaking further training and I became a Macmillan Clinical nurse specialist in the community working within both rural and urban areas and delivered education to nurses and GP's. I worked within a multiprofessional team with a consultant; psychologists and social workers and I supervised staff working in a day hospice leading and developing bereavement workshops and a breast cancer support group. I participated in the development of a bereavement service for children by psychologist Julie Stokes OBE, which became a national model. I developed the first rural Macmillan cancer information and support pilot project before returning to university to complete my BSc (Hons).

I moved to another NHS trust in the same role on a part-time basis whilst undertaking my Post Graduate training as a psychodynamic counsellor with placements in university counselling and NHS psychology services. After qualifying I worked voluntarily for a locally based charitable counselling service.

A further relocation led to another Macmillan Clinical nurse specialist post in a district general hospital, based in a day hospice within the grounds of the hospital. I attended multidisciplinary meetings for site specific cancers and collaborated closely with oncologists and worked across hospitals and community teams.

As an additional employment I worked on the GP out of hours service as an on-call specialist nurse for palliative patients. This led to my undertaking training to become one of the first independent nurse prescribers.

I mentored nurses in development posts within specialist palliative care and continued to provide education to undergraduate and post graduate nurses and doctors about symptom control, advanced communication skills, and advanced care planning. I moved posts internally within the NHS trust working in another community team based within a larger bedded hospice unit before working in another district general hospital specialist palliative care team.

Since leaving permanent NHS employment to develop and work as an 'Expert Witness' I continue to work as specialist nurse in palliative care on a locum basis maintaining and updating all my knowledge and skills in an area impacted by increasing demand with fewer resources.

I also work as a counsellor and have developed a bereavement/carer/patient support service and provide clinical supervision to nurses within a local hospice at home service.