

Expert Witness CV of Jodie Brookes, Registered Nurse



I provide expert care reports in relation to life limiting industrial disease cases (e.g. mesothelioma), terminal illness (including delayed diagnosis cases where the outcome is likely to be terminal) and care of the older person.

I also provide loss of services reports.

Professional Qualifications, Memberships and Affiliations

Registered General Nurse – Nottingham School of Nursing
NVQ level 4- Care Management
NVQ level 4- Advice and Guidance



Royal College of Nursing – Full Membership

Nursing and Midwifery Council. Pin No: OOBO 363E

Relevant Occupational Experience

I am a Registered Nurse with twenty years' experience of nursing patients in hospitals, nursing homes and in the community.

For the last 10 years, I have worked as a Palliative Care Nurse in the community, Clinical Auditor and Head of Nursing services for a hospice at home charity.

As well as providing expert reports, I continue my work as a Community Palliative Care Nurse. This role enables me to remain actively involved in provision of palliative care for patients who wish to die at home. I have also provided case management for clients with multiple disabilities and mesothelioma.

The majority of my early career was spent managing residential care facilities in the private sector, overseeing the nursing care of up to 45 residents with a variety of medical conditions, specialising in palliative care and managing a team of around 80 staff including RGNs/RMNs and Physiotherapists. During this time I co-authored an academic paper (Leading Culture Change to Improve Dementia Care) published by the Nursing Times. I have spoken at the Annual Dementia Summit for GPs in Gloucestershire.

Assessing the care and nursing needs of others has been an integral and essential part of my daily work for the entirety of my career. I am diligent about staying up to date with training relevant to my role as an expert witness. I maintain my occupational training and competencies on a regular basis using a variety of methods including mandatory nursing training, personal research, attending relevant conferences and supplementary study days.

Examples of Training

January 2022	How to write a good CV	APIL
December 2021	Associates Training Day	Charlotte Wells and Company
September 2021	Research Update Training	Mesothelioma UK
July 2019	Bereavement and Communication	Shipston Home Nursing
Feb 2019	Immunotherapy Awareness	Dr Clive Irwin (Oncologist)
March 2019	BTOG and Mesothelioma UK	Conference
September 2019	National Association of Hospice at Home (NAHH)	Conference
December 2018	Expert Witness Update training day	Maggie Sargent and Associates
May 2018	Legal updates for Care	Maggie Sargent and Associates

I also attend the online Mesothelioma UK coffee morning updates for healthcare professionals.

I have regular Clinical Supervision from an independent Clinical Supervisor. I also attend bi monthly peer support meetings with other nurse expert witnesses to ensure a high level of accountability and professionalism and to share best practice information.

In addition, I have the following relevant skills and experience:

- Courtroom experience
- I regularly undertake joint discussions and provide joint statements for the court
- I understand my responsibilities under the Civil Procedure Rules pertaining to expert witnesses.
- I am aware of my obligations in regard to data management and am registered with the Information Commissioner's Office

Notable Judgements

In May 2017 I gave evidence in the High Court in the case of Grant v Secretary of State for Transport EWHC 1663(QB). My evidence was quoted in the Judgement of Martin Chamberlain QC (Sitting as a Deputy High Court Judge): 'The Claimant's evidence as to the value of the nursing care she provided to Mr Grant was given by Ms Jodie Brookes. She is a registered nurse. The majority of her career has been spent managing care facilities in the private sector. She specialises in palliative care and has considerable experience nursing patients with mesothelioma. Ms Brookes gave careful and impressive oral evidence. She made concessions where appropriate yet demonstrated that her conclusions were based on a careful review both of the medical notes and of what the Claimant had told her when she visited'.

Client Feedback

I am able to build rapport quickly with clients and make the process of interviewing as pleasant and efficient as possible. I include an example of client feedback:

"Jodie Brookes interviewed myself and my late husband in order to provide a report to the court regarding his care needs and the care needs of our family both prior to and following my late husband's tragic death caused by industrial disease. I found Ms Brookes to be very professional in her approach. She has good interpersonal skills and she had pleasant and appropriate manner in speaking to myself and my husband about particularly difficult and sensitive issues. She was also supportive and offered helpful advice. Following the interview with us and a further interview with me over the

telephone, she prepared a competent and thorough report covering all aspects of possible care. Our case was not straightforward and involved the present and future care needs of myself, my husband and our two teenage children. I felt that Ms Brookes paid full attention to all the relevant issues and showed her appreciation of the seriousness and importance of our case, both when talking to us and in the report, she produced on our behalf."

LD, Darlington. January 2022.