

Martin Brown CV

I am a Registered General Nurse qualifying in 1986 with ongoing live registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council UK (N.M.C.) I am also qualified as a Specialist Community Health Practitioner (District Nursing) and Independent Non-medical prescriber.

I am also qualified as a counsellor since 2001 after 3 years post graduate training at The University of Birmingham. I am registered with the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy and I work currently in practice in the voluntary sector.

I initially worked as a staff nurse in a medical unit which encompassed caring for patients with respiratory illnesses both long term and end stage.

I then worked as a charge nurse in a community hospital where I undertook further training including ENB 931 Care of the Dying patient and family, ENB 934 Care of persons with AIDS and HIV and an Open University module studying different theoretical approaches to nursing assessment of patients and the varied application of those models. I also undertook an advanced course in symptom management in Oxford and an Advanced communication skills course in Manchester.

I developed the hospice style approach to care of the dying for patients in the hospital which included educating and developing the skills of the multiprofessional teams involved.

Alongside this role I also worked as a Marie Curie nurse giving care to patients and families in their own homes for 3 years.

I then trained at Birmingham polytechnic college undertaking a Diploma in Community Health Studies (District Nursing) before working as a District Nurse. My first appointment as a Macmillan Clinical nurse Specialist was in 1992. The role encompassed research, education as well as direct care of complex patients with life limiting illnesses including those affected by Asbestosis/mesothelioma.

I moved between several NHS Macmillan posts both in community and hospital settings assessing patients, their needs and the needs of their carers. This involved taking a holistic approach and looking into all areas of including the control of symptoms, nursing and caring to provision of appropriate equipment and support to meet the needs of the patient for their preferred place of care.

I completed a BSc(Hons) in Health Studies at Wolverhampton University in 1995

My interest in the psychological needs of patients led to me undertaking my counselling training as mentioned above.

I then also undertook a Post Graduate module in Palliative care at Warwick university.

I have combined all of this knowledge and skill to be able to assess patient's needs in any setting and I have continuously taught these skills across a range of Multiprofessionals within the health service and independent and voluntary sectors providing care to people with life limiting illnesses.

My particular experience with asbestos related illnesses involves contributing to weekly lung cancer Multidisciplinary Team meetings within general hospitals where treatment planning decisions are made and agreed. Working alongside Consultant medical specialists and their teams within hospitals providing input into the care of patients especially where the outcome involves planning for their

end of life care. This often involved assessing for supportive care packages for equipment, nursing care and care from carers when patients were discharged home.

I undertook the same planning when working in the community co-ordinating care for patients already at home and have attended many other updates and short courses on various palliative illnesses in continual development of knowledge in order to be up to date as a resource within my specialist role.

I have led and contributed to many service development initiatives and also led on and been involved in training on all aspects of palliative care assessment and provision to undergraduate and post graduate doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals.