

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Claire Alison Beats

Registered General Nurse/Lead Specialist Bowel Cancer Screening Practitioner.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

Currently employed by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals (SWBH) NHS Trust, Claire is the Lead Nurse for the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme and is a qualified Nurse Endoscopist. She is responsible for ensuring the effective operation of the bowel screening programme across three hospital sites and two NHS Trusts. Since the programme's inception, she has played a pivotal role in its development, establishing the screening centre from the ground up and leading its expansion, including the implementation of age extension initiatives. Her work has involved setting up pre-assessment clinics, colonoscopy lists, policies, procedures, patient group directives, and compiling annual reports. She also holds managerial responsibility for a team of 10 nurses.

In addition to her primary role, she has spent the 9 years serving as a Regional Professional and Clinical Advisor for the Quality Assurance (QA) team within Public Health England. As part of this role, she conducts QA visits to other screening centres across the West Midlands, providing recommendations and support to ensure compliance with national screening standards. She also contributes to regional and national bowel cancer screening study days, further enhancing her professional development within the field.

A dedicated and conscientious professional, she possesses strong organisational and time management skills, thrives in both independent and team-based environments, and is committed to delivering the highest standards of patient care.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current Post

Lead Nurse Bowel Cancer Screening Programme, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, (Sept 2007- present). Professional and Clinical Advisor for Specialist Screening Practitioners for the West Midlands employed by Public Health England (PHE) (2016-present)

Responsibilities

- Ensuring the day-to-day running of the bowel screening programme, across 3 sites and 2 NHS trusts.
- Managerial responsibility for 10 nurses
- Nurse Led pre-assessment clinics, ensuring patients are medically fit to undergo the relevant medical procedure.
- Nurse Led histology clinics.
- Ensure that all policies and procedures are up to date and relevant.
- Clinical audit as per Bowel screening Quality Assurance guidelines.
- Support patients through their Bowel screening pathway.
- Health Promotion
- Carry out endoscopy sessions (nurse endoscopist)
- Implementation of age extension for bowel screening patients within our trust.
- Ensuring the timely roll out of bowel scope screening within the screening centre.
- Undertake QA visits and write reports with recommendations following PHE guidance. (PCA role)

- Offer advice and guidance to screening centres across the West Midlands.
- Participate in the organising and running of regional and national study days for specialist screening practitioners.
- Implement the role out of Lynch Surveillance within the screening centre.
- PGD to allow me to assess suitability and then to dispense bowel prep in accordance with trust guidelines.
- Delegated consent which allows me to consent patients for lower endoscopy procedures.

Previous Posts

Nurse Endoscopist (Band 7) Endoscopy Unit, Ninewells Hospital, NHS Tayside. August 2006-September 2007.

Nutrition Nurse Secondment (E grade) 3 days a week in 2005 in combination with working 2 days a week as E grade in ward 5.

Senior Staff Nurse (E grade) ward 5, male gastroenterology and acute medicine, Ninewells Hospital, NHS Tayside. August 2002-August 2006.

Staff Nurse (D grade) ward 5, male gastroenterology and acute medicine, Ninewells Hospital, NHS Tayside. July 2001-August 2002.

Staff Nurse (D grade) ward 3, cardiology and acute medicine, Ninewells Hospital, NHS Tayside. January 2001-July 2001.

Staff Nurse (D grade) care of the elderly, Glens Nursing Home, Edzell. September 2000-January 2001.

Student Nurse School of Nursing and Midwifery, Dundee, Scotland. September 1997-2000.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/COURSES

- 2000-Diploma in nursing (School of Nursing & Midwifery, Dundee)
- 2003-Degree of Bachelor of Nursing (University of Dundee).
- 11th June-12th June 2007- 2-day basic upper GI endoscopy course (Cuschieri skills centre, University of Dundee).
- 14th November 2003 – ALERT course (University of Portsmouth).
- 9th -10th November 2006 – colonoscopic training course (Cuschieri skills centre, University of Dundee).
- 19th July 2007-Certificate of competence in Endoscopy (JAG accredited) in Flexible sigmoidoscopy.
- 27th November 2007 – Graduate certificate in Professional Development Endoscopy Practice Lower. (Glasgow Caledonian University).
- November 2007 – BCSS screening centre training course (NHS connecting for health).
- 24th -26th September 2008 – 3-day national advanced communication skills training course. (Horton Grange – National cancer action team).
- 11th Feb 2011 – Certificate of Professional Development, Specialist Bowel Cancer Screening Practitioner. (Liverpool John Moores University).
- May 2010 – 2020 yearly updates - Intermediate Life Support (Resuscitation Council UK).

INTERNAL TRUST TRAINING

- Assertiveness skills 13/11/2007 (SWBH NHS TRUST).
- Conflict Resolution 17/10/2007 (SWBH NHS TRUST).
- Presentation skills 7/11/2007 (SWBH NHS TRUST).

- Equality and Diversity training 4/9/2013 (SWBH NHS TRUST).
- Intravenous Therapy Part A (preparation, administration and monitoring of IV medicines) 02/07/2012 (SWBH NHS TRUST).
- Intravenous Therapy Part B-(Intravenous Therapy Part B (Cannulation and Venepuncture) 25/10/2012 (SWBH NHS TRUST).
- Accredited Managers Passport 2019 (SWBH NHS TRUST)

EXPERT WITNESS BACKGROUND

Associated with AMG Consultancy Services Ltd since 2025. Experience gained in both acute medical, outpatient and endoscopy settings. Evaluation and assessment of patients undergoing assessment for Colonoscopy procedures as part of the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme, risk assessment and clinical management, together with that of extensive experience of reviewing case files and report writing as part of her role within QA this has facilitated the development of skills to prepare expert witness reports.

(Awaiting on attendance of the Bond Solon Certificated Legal Training Courses: "Excellence in Report Writing" and "Courtroom Skills – Witness Familiarisation)

MEMBERSHIPS

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