



Elizabeth Nicholls

Registered Nurse - Children

Expert Witness



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## Paediatric Nurse Expert Witness

### General Background

A registered children's nurse since 1993, and a non-medical prescriber since 2022. Liz has worked in a variety of paediatric settings, surgical, medical and specialist areas and has extensive knowledge of a variety of paediatric conditions.

Liz currently works in a specialist children's hospital as a clinical nurse specialist in paediatric burns. Regularly working in orthopaedic trauma and plastic surgery settings.

Liz is an educator and trainer in paediatric burns care in university, pre-hospital, emergency, hospital and intensive care settings.

Liz works in a multidisciplinary team and manages a caseload of complex paediatric burns in a nurse led outpatient setting and in an inpatient ward.

### Specialisms

Paediatric Burns  
Burn care in primary settings (ED, first responders)  
Paediatric orthopaedics  
Paediatric plastic surgery  
Paediatric tissue viability  
Paediatric medical nursing care  
Paediatric surgical nursing care  
General paediatric nursing

### Main Clinical Responsibilities/Expertise

- Management of paediatric burns
- Care of patients undergoing scar reconstruction
- Management of extravasation injuries
- Management of pressure ulcers.
- Burns education in ED's and primary care
- Use of complex dressing including topical negative pressure
- Prescribing and administration of medicines by various routes (IV, NG, oral)
- Care of CAMHS patients, particularly self-harm.
- Complex care of skin loss conditions
- Care of paediatric amputations and limb reconstruction, including external fixator care.
- Care of paediatric sepsis and toxic shock syndrome
- Care of paediatric wounds
- Paediatric wounds and delayed healing
- Surgical management of dog bites in children
- Paediatric management of scarring.
- Impact of scarring and disfigurement on the child and family.
- Research, clinical audit, service evaluation and quality improvement
- Parental trauma after child injury
- Childhood trauma after injury
- Paediatric catheter management.

- Nursing management of paediatric tracheostomy
- Nursing management of enteral nutrition: nasogastric, peg, nasojejunal.
- Administration of IV fluids via peripheral cannula, intraosseous needle, PICC/long line.
- Incident reporting, Risk management and preparation of Serious incident reports
- Infection control with specialist knowledge of HAI in paediatrics and wounds
- Care assessment, planning and evaluation.
- Child protection in a hospital setting.
- Paediatric pain management.
- Writing evidence-based clinical policies, procedures and guidelines.
- Leadership and management.
- Education, mentoring and supervision of nurses, doctors and AHP's.
- Management of breastfeeding in a paediatric clinical setting.

### Qualifications/Specialist Training

Diploma in Nursing 1993  
BSc Professional Nursing Studies 1997  
Breastfeeding Support 2013  
Cert in Professional Burns Care 2015  
Emergency Management of Severe Burns 2015  
Paediatric Life Support 2021  
Institute of Leadership & Management: Level 3 Award 2021  
V300 non-medical prescribing 2022  
European Paediatric Advanced Life Support 2024  
Level 3 Safeguarding 2024

### Career

#### *Doncaster Royal Infirmary*

May 1993 – June 1995, Junior Staff Nurse (D Grade) Paediatric Medical Ward  
June 1995 – Aug 1996, Senior Staff Nurse (E Grade) Paediatric Medical Ward  
Aug 1996- Feb 1997, Staff Nurse (E Grade) Paediatric Surgical Ward  
Feb 1997 –Oct 1997, Staff Nurse (E Grade) Paediatric Medical Ward

#### *Sheffield Community Health NHS Trust*

Oct 1997-Sep 1999 School Nurse (E Grade)

#### *LPNS Sheffield*

1998 – 1999, Agency Staff Nurse

#### *Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS Trust*

Nov 2007 – Nov 2018, Senior Staff Nurse (Band 6)  
Dec 2018 - March 2024, Clinical Nurse Specialist  
March 2024 - Current Burns Lead Nurse.

#### *Northern Burns Care Operational Delivery Network*

Sept 2014 - Current, Burns Care Nurse Advisor

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University of Sheffield

July 2024 - current Honorary Lecturer, various module guest lecturer & module lecturer (paediatric wound care module L7)

### **Memberships**

Active registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council  
Nursing member of the British Burns Association  
Nursing member of the International Society of Burn Injuries  
Nursing member of the European Burns Association  
Nursing Member of NIVAS (National Infusion and Vascular Access Society)

### **Expert Witness Background**

Associated with AMG Consultancy Services Limited acting in the capacity of expert witness in a specialist field of paediatric nursing. Able to utilise professional skills and experience to facilitate report writing, and the development of skills to prepare expert witness reports.

### **Bond Solon Certificated Legal Training**

**Excellence in Report Writing** – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Court Room Skills - Witness Familiarisation** – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023