

Louisa Mitchell Registered Midwife Expert Witness



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General Background

A Registered Midwife since 2008 with experience working within all settings of maternity services, including community and hospital settings. Holds a wealth of experience in providing antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care, including care of the newborn. Louisa has been part of a core Labour Ward team so have current up to date experience in intrapartum care for both low and high-risk women, including obstetric emergencies and Fetal monitoring. Fetal monitoring includes both intermittent auscultation and continuous cardiotocography (CTG) monitoring.

Louisa has worked within the maternity Governance team since 2018 and has been the Lead Governance Midwife for the trust since 2019. Holds a wealth of knowledge around clinical governance. reviewing clinical incidents and identifying if care has been in line with both national and local guidance. Works closely with the trusts legal team to provide expert opinions on cases across all aspects of maternity care. This includes where a poor outcome has occurred including stillbirths, neonatal deaths, hypoxic brain injury and cerebral palsy claims.

Work History

NOVEMBER 2019-PRESENT DAY

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RISK MANAGER- University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

Current role includes reviewing clinical incidents that occur within the maternity setting, reviewing if care has been provided in line with both local and national guidance. Holding oversight of formal complaints within the department, identifying themes and trends and ensuring any necessary learning is shared with the wider team. Works closely with the patient safety department and the Trust's legal team, providing expert opinion on cases and where required attend meetings with our trust solicitors and counsel. Louisa is a lead reporter, ensuring full compliance with relevant national reporting systems in the event of an adverse outcome that meets the criteria for each of the relevant national bodies, such as Each baby counts, NHS Early Resolution Scheme, PMRT, MBRRACE and MNSI.

JULY 2018- NOVEMBER 2019.

RISK AND AUDIT MIDWIFE, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

Carrying out clinical audits to provide assurance that local and national guidance is followed, in relation to several aspects of care, including fetal monitoring in labour, detection of small for gestational age babies and saving babies lives audits.

2016- NOVEMBER 2018.

LABOUR WARD COORDINATOR, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

Experience in a leadership and Management role, this included appropriate delegation within the multidisciplinary team and the monitoring of outcomes for effective care and service delivery. One of her roles as a Labour Ward Co-ordinator was ensuring the safety and quality of the patients journey, by effectively planning and co-ordinating their episodes of care. Safe delegation of work, whilst ensuring patient safety was maintained throughout all departments and within the maternity unit.

2008-2016.

REGISTERED MIDWIFE, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

Rotational midwife working within all maternity settings, including community, antenatal care, intrapartum care and postnatal care.

Professional Qualifications

- MSC PATIENT SAFETY- IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON. 2022-PRESENT
- BSC (HONORS) MIDWIFERY- BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY. 2005-2008

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Training

- Bond Solon- Excellence in Report Writing (2024)
- Cranfield University- Incident Investigation and reporting (2022)

Expert Witness Background

Associated with AMG Consultancy Services Limited since 2024, acting in the capacity of expert witness in a specialist field of midwifery. Able to utilise professional skills and experience to facilitate report writing, and the development of skills to prepare expert witness liability reports on behalf of the Claimant and Defendant.

(Awaiting on attendance of the Bond Solon Certified Legal Training Courses: "Courtroom Skills training")

Skills

Midwifery

Antenatal Care

Birth Injury/Development Injury

Cardiotocography (CTG) Interpretation

Community Midwifery

Complex pregnancy

Homebirths

Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE)

Intrapartum Care

Labour Ward Care

Maternal Deaths

Midwifery led care

Neonatal

Neonatal deaths

Obstetric emergencies

Perineal trauma

Pregnancy loss

Pre-term Labour

Reduced Fetal Movements Sepsis

Risk Management

Stillbirths

Waterbirths

Memberships

- Registered with Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Royal College of Nursing