



Louise Wake
Registered Midwife
Expert Witness



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Midwife – Maternity Investigator – Medicolegal Expert Witness

General Background

Louise Wake is a registered midwife and experienced medico-legal expert witness, instructed regularly since 2020. She provides independent midwifery opinion on breach of duty and causation.

She has over 14 years of clinical experience within the NHS, including roles as senior labour ward coordinator, antenatal services manager, and rotational midwife across all areas of maternity care. She also led a regional maternity triage service based within an ambulance trust.

Louise currently works on a clinical contract with the Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations (MNSI) programme. Her role involves investigating and authoring national safety reports in cases of:

- Hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy (HIE) requiring therapeutic cooling
- Term intrapartum stillbirths
- Term early neonatal deaths
- Maternal deaths (within 42 days postpartum, excluding suicide)

She is also an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors, with a professional interest in systems thinking and safety science.

Work History

Maternity and Neonatal Safety Investigations (MNSI formerly HSIB)

November 2020-present

Louise Wake is a registered midwife with a dual role within the Maternity and Neonatal Safety Investigations (MNSI) programme. She works at Band 8b level as a national specialist in health inequalities in maternity care, focusing on the impact of inequity on maternity clinical outcomes. Alongside this, she holds a Band 8a role as a Maternity Investigator, leading forensic investigations and authoring detailed safety reports in cases involving:

- Term early neonatal deaths (within 6 days of life)
- Term intrapartum stillbirths (from 37 weeks gestation)
- Term therapeutic cooling with MRI-confirmed hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy
- Maternal deaths within 42 days postpartum (excluding deaths by suicide/crime/accident)

AMG Medico Legal

October 2020-present

Bond Solon trained midwifery expert witness in the specialist field of liability and quantum in midwifery and healthcare services. Louise authors high quality screening and breach of duty reports. Louise regularly receives named approaches and is instructed to produce reports and attend conferences with counsel as required.

Surrey Heartland LMNS

Sept 2019- November 2020

Lead midwife responsible for the operational running and strategic direction of the maternity telephone triage service serving Ashford and St Peters, Royal Surrey and Epsom and St Helier Hospital Trusts. Based at Southeast Coast Ambulance service headquarters.

Surrey and Sussex NHS Healthcare Trust (SASH)

Sept 2006-August 2019

Progressed from newly qualified midwife in 2006 to Band 7 senior labour ward coordinator in 2010.

- Led the labour ward for nearly a decade, later holding dual responsibilities as antenatal services manager and coordinator.

Oversaw triage, day assessment, antenatal clinics, and inpatient antenatal care.

Practised across all clinical areas prior to promotion to Band 7.

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Professional Certificates/Training

HSIB Safety Investigation training
CTG masterclasses (annually)
Physiological CTG
Safeguarding Level 3
PROMPT
Advanced life support
Neonatal life support (NLS)
Midwifery DipHE (2003-2006)

Expert Witness Training

Completed Bond Solon training – Excellence in Report Writing – March 2021
Completed Bond Solon training – Courtroom Skills – March 2021 & November 2023

Role of the Midwife in:

- Antenatal care
- Intrapartum care
- CTG interpretation
- Maternity triage
- Management of obstetric emergencies
- Postnatal care
- Caesarean wound care
- Prehospital midwifery care (homebirth)
- Neonatal resuscitation
- Therapeutic cooling/HIE/neonatal death/stillbirth
- National maternity guidelines (NICE/RCOG/SBLCB/NMC)
- Health inequalities
- Perineal trauma & repair
- Birth trauma

Memberships

- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Royal College of Nursing