



Maureen Benbow
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Expert Witness



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MAUREEN BENBOW, RGN, MSc, BA(Hons)
Tissue Viability Specialist Advisor

General Background

General nurse to senior level over 40 years. Programme Leader BSc Professional Practice/Senior Lecturer, University of Chester, teaching pre- and post-registration and post-graduation health care professionals on tissue viability, leg ulcers, medical and surgical nursing, risk assessment, law and ethics, infection control, evidence-based practice and research modules.

Her previous post as Specialist Nurse Tissue Viability/Research & Development Co-ordinator encompassed an advisory role for all aspects of tissue viability, particularly chronic wounds, in hospital, community and nursing homes. The role developed to include research & development, risk management, quality, practice development, clinical audit.

Her most recent role was as a Clinical Case Worker for the NHS Test and Trace Service between October 2020 and April 2021 averaging 24 hours/week which involved making telephone contact and advising individuals who had tested positive for Covid-19.

Current Position

Independent Nursing Consultant

Previous Position

2004-2016 - BSc Programme Leader/Senior Lecturer, University of Chester
1991-2004 - Tissue Viability Specialist Nurse/Research & Development Co-ordinator

Professional Qualifications

1974 - RGN. South Cheshire School of Nursing
1986 - ENB 998
1990 - BA Nurse Education. University of Manchester
1997 - MSc. Health Care Policy and Organisation, University of Nottingham
2000 - Health Economics Research Certificate, University of Keele

Memberships

Tissue Viability Society, Wound Care Society, European Wound Management Association, European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and associated with the European Guideline Development Group National and European initiatives associated with tissue viability - NICE appraisals and international pressure ulcer guideline development.

Memberships Relevant Knowledge and Experience

2000-2021 Medicolegal expert witness
2006 Attended the Bond Solon Report Writing and Courtroom skills training.

- Since January 2021 I have completed over 40 screening reports, around 90 full Breach of Duty and Causation / Liability reports, for both defendant and claimant, and 12 Condition and Prognosis reports involving assessment of the Claimants at home, in hospital and in care homes: 4 Joint Statements. I have attended trial twice.

• I am not currently employed as a nurse but I update and maintain my knowledge and skills through attendance at meetings, conferences (and presenting), peer support groups, writing for publication, acting as co-ordinator of the North West Network of Tissue Viability Nurses, voluntary work in a care home and through my work as Specialist Advisor to the Care Quality Commission which involves in-depth inspection of policies, protocols and procedures of hospital and community Trusts, nursing/care homes and hospices. I also undertake formal reviews of tissue viability services in hospital and community Trusts and have been involved in in-depth service failure investigations in the NHS.

2021	Attended Bond Solon Courtroom Skills training
2021	Attended Medicolegal Masterclass
2020-2021	NHS Professionals Clinical Case Worker
2020	Attended Medicolegal Masterclass
2019	Attended the Premex Conference
2018	Attended the Premex Conference
2012-2020	Care Quality Commission Specialist Advisor for primary, secondary care, residential and nursing care homes.
2000-2009	Healthcare Commission Associate/Advisor
2000-2021	CHC Nursing Advisor
2010-2021	Reviewer to the Human Biomaterials Resource Centre, University of Birmingham
1997-2000	Chair of the Tissue Viability Society
1990-2020	Member of the Tissue Viability Society
1998-2018	TVS Study Day Organiser
2017	Awarded Tissue Viability Society Fellowship for Services to Tissue Viability
2019-2023	External Examiner De Montfort University
2014-2018	External Examiner Kingston University
2013-2018	External Examiner University of Plymouth
2014-2018	External Examiner University of Worcester
2014-2018	External Examiner University of Swansea
2009-2019	Expert Advisor to NICE Medical Technologies Advisory Committee.
2005-2009	External examiner University of Brighton
2005	Published a book - Evidence Based Wound Care
1994-2015	Nurse member of the Northwest 1 Local Research Ethics Committee
1991	Founder member, ex-chair of the Northwest Network of Tissue Viability Nurses, current Secretary (2018)

Additional Experience

2002	Member of Professional and Practice Development Nurses Forum
2000	Lead nurse for Commodity advisory in MCHFT and member of regional group
2000	Trust member of Regional Benchmarking Group
1999	Higher Level Practice assessor

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1995-2000	Chair of MCHFT Risk Management Group
1995-2004	Chair of the MCHFT Risk Co-ordinators Group
1990-1996	Chair MCHFT Research Group
1999-2000	Nurse member of the Cheshire and Merseyside Zonal R & D Group
1991	Developed and implemented research-based pressure ulcer prevention strategy in MCHFT.
1986	Rationalised orthopaedic ward pressure ulcer prevention practices

Expert Witness Background

Maureen has been working as an expert witness for 30 years, acting in the capacity of expert witness in a specialist field of tissue viability nursing. Able to utilise professional skills and experience to facilitate report writing, and the development of skills to prepare expert witness reports on behalf of the Claimant and Defendant.