



# Miranda Hodgkin

## Registered Nurse - Children

### Expert Witness



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## General Background

Miranda Hodgkin is a Registered Children's Nurse/Non-Medical Prescriber and is a NMC Clinical Assessor. Miranda has been qualified in paediatric nursing since 1998 and has an extensive knowledge of paediatrics and paediatric oncology, undertaking a variety of roles progressing from a Junior Staff Nurse, Project Manager and for a substantial time as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. Her paediatric oncology career experiences include haematology cancers, Brain tumours and management of shared care for oncology patients regionally. She has liaised with various multi-disciplinary teams within Paediatric Oncology across the Yorkshire region to assist with the delivery of a safe and effective service. She has played a key role in its development with the provision of teaching packages, setting up the foundation training, and the teaching and assessing the Link nurses to lead the service. Miranda has worked independently to run nurse led clinics prescribing and monitoring oral chemotherapy. She has experience in day case and triage/acute assessment within paediatric oncology.

Miranda has recently worked closely with Public Health England to collect essential data on behalf of the trust to investigate an outbreak of pseudomonas within the Haematology Unit.

Miranda recently worked for the Nursing Midwifery Council as a clinical assessor. Through formal examinations of objective structured clinical assessments, non-registered staff are assessed against the standards of the NMC and the Royal Marsden Guidelines (Test of competence) to gain entry onto the Nursing Register. The primary purpose of the assessor role is to support and examine registered and unregistered staff in their clinical practice and observe competence as set by the regulatory bodies, to meet the standards required to deliver high-quality evidence-based care for service users.

Miranda currently works as a clinical nurse specialist in the Childrens epilepsy service providing specialist support to children who have a diagnosis of epilepsy or who are suspected to have epilepsy and their families. The support is provided in a variety of settings including patients' homes, schools, nurseries hospital clinics or over the telephone. The role works closely with partnership services in health, education, social care and the voluntary sector providing education packages for staff within those areas.

## Professional Experience

- June 2023-Current: Children's Epilepsy Nurse Specialist
- April 2022-June 2023: Clinical Assessor NMC (Nursing and Midwifery Council) Leeds.
- April 2021-April 2022: Lung Cancer CNS (Clinical Nurse Specialist) Bradford
- March 2020-April 2021: Lymphoma CNS Leeds (Clinical Nurse Specialist)
- July 2019-March 2020: Teenage and Young Adult Cancer CNS Leeds (Clinical Nurse Specialist).
- July 2018-July2019: Sarcoma CNS Leeds (Clinical Nurse Specialist)
- April 1999-July 2018; Shared Care Liaison Sister/CNS Paediatric Oncology Leeds
- 1997-1999 Staff Nurse-Leeds
- 1996-1997 Staff Nurse-Bradford; Adult colorectal surgery

## Professional Courses

- Leadership and management course (2013)
- Delivering bad news (in house course 2013)
- Non-Medical Prescribing module (2009)
- Care of the child with cancer module (2008)
- Care of the child Neuro-sciences module (2000)
- Diploma in Child Health (1997)
- Diploma in Adult Nursing (1993)

## **Memberships**

NMC current member on the register- adult and paediatrics, Non-Medical Prescribing.

## **Publications**

Journal of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology: 2011 Aug;33(6):433-6 A home-based maintenance therapy program for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia-practical and safe?

Journal of infection: A protracted outbreak of difficult-to-treat resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in a haematology unit: a matched case-control study demonstrating increased risk with fluoroquinolone use.

## **Areas of Expertise**

- Paediatric Oncology
- Project management
- Teaching and policy writing
- Caseload and time management
- Independent practitioner caseload management
- Research and local audits
- Nurse prescribing
- Nurse led services/clinics
- Key worker role
- Communication skills
- Breaking bad news
- Clinical assessment/examinations

## **Expert Witness Background**

Associated with AMG Consultancy Services Limited acting in the capacity of expert witness in a specialist field of 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**

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