



Susan Cody

Health Protection Practitioner

COVID 19 Expert Witness



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BSc Honours in Specialist Practitioner Community Health Nursing - Health Visitor,
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Nurse Prescriber

Health Protection Practitioner working within the UKHSA and Local Authority
Clinical Nurse Advisor for the National Immunisation Management Service
Quality Assurance Lead/CQC Nominated Lead and Caldicott Guardian within the third sector

Personal Summary

A resilient, proactive and experienced Health Protection Practitioner working in the Health Protection Team within the South East of England, Interim Health Protection Practitioner and Health Protection Operations Manager for a Local Authority, managing outbreaks within vulnerable settings, leading the Covid 19 outbreak management team, developing and implementing local policies and procedures in line with national legislation.

Other previous experience and qualifications, as a registered children's nurse, school nurse, health visitor, health clinical immunisation advisor and quality assurance lead with excellent communication and listening skills.

Working well within a team and under pressure whilst in a challenging environment and during difficult conversations.

Key Skills and Achievements

Managing and leading operations within local authority Covid 19 outbreak management team providing a high quality, safe and effective delivery of the outbreak hub.

Managing and leading operations within local authority of the Covid 19 contact vaccination team.

Chairing and actively participating in Covid 19 outbreak management response meetings with vulnerable settings, providing professional public health outbreak advice and support collaboratively with other relevant services, taking health protection action based on the outcomes of the meeting.

Chairing and actively participating in the local authorities multi-disciplinary professionals Covid 19 outbreak management review meetings.

Supporting developing data management systems to support the management and recording of Covid 19 outbreaks within the local authority.

Concise and precise documentation: - including using CTAS, HPZ system and local authority case/outbreak management system reporting telephone calls and meetings on relevant computer systems.

Liaising with high-risk areas including care homes, supported living, schools, domiciliary care, prisons and workplaces. Providing advised and support with outbreak situations in line with national guidance.

Manage own caseload organising and prioritising workload.

Allocated mentor/buddy for new members of staff and public health registrars providing support and teaching in a suitable learning environment with a conducive and individual learning plan.

Member of the UKHSA educational cell assisting with developing standard operating procedures including developing childrens home covid 19 guidance.

Member of the UKHSA regional development group supporting development of staff wellbeing work.

Member of the UKHSA SE health inequalities group.

Experience prior to 2020

1995 to 1998 Registered Children's Nurse, working at the Royal Free Hospital, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Harold Wood Hospital, Essex as a staff nurse, working with children and families with renal, haematology conditions and ENT surgery.

1998 to 2001 School Nurse responsible for the health of children in 4 mainstream local authority schools, as well as a special speech and language unit.

2005 to 2007 Part time Telephone Triage Nurse - on call GP out of hours service.

2001 – 2020 Health Visitor undertaking developmental assessments for babies and children. Advising and informing new parents on issues such as feeding, sleeping, safety, physical and emotional development, weaning, immunisation and other aspects of childcare.

Education and Qualifications

- Diploma in Nursing (Registered Children's Nurse)
- BSc (honours) in Public Health (Specialist Community Health Practitioner-Health Visiting)
- ENB 998 Teaching and Assessing
- Nurse Prescriber

Personal Training and Activities

- Mandatory training including Safeguarding Adults and Children level 3, 4 & 5
- Caldicott Guardian Training
- Incident Management Training
- Sensory Processing Disorder Training
- Pathological Demand Avoidance Training
- ASD Training
- Toilet training difficulties for children with ASD/SPD
- Sleep training
- Understand/Managing Challenge Behaviour
- Neurodevelopmental Conditions for Professionals
- The voice of the child
- Signs of Safety
- Domestic Violence - Ruby Turnaround
- 1001 critical days
- Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma-informed practice
- Holistic Outcomes -Council for Disabled Children
- Breastfeeding Specialist training UNICEF
- Webster Stratton Parenting Course
- Diploma in Reflexology

Expert Witness Background

Associated with AMG Medico Legal Limited since 2023, acting in the capacity of expert witness in a specialist field of Health Visiting. Able to utilise professional skills and experience to facilitate report writing, and the development of skills to prepare expert witness reports.

Completed Sept 2022 Bond Solon Certified Legal Training Course in "Excellence in report writing" and "Courtroom Skills training"