



Tracy Da Silva

Registered Nurse - Children

Expert Witness



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Tracey Da Silva, DipHE (Nursing Studies)
Children's Nurse Specialist and Care Consultant

General Background

Tracy Da Silva is a highly motivated, dedicated and client-focused nurse with proven strengths in team management, complex and critical care, staff development and supervision, continuing care provision, commissioning of services, planning and implementing complex client discharges from hospital, nursing needs assessments, reassessments and training and education of unqualified staff.

Tracy has a wealth of trouble shooting and problem-solving experience, with an ability to communicate ideas clearly and concisely within and outside the organisation and describe and articulate a proposed service and patient benefits to gain support for positive change.

She communicates effectively both verbally and in written form. She works exceptionally well as a team member and manages her workload effectively.

Qualifications

- Basic Life Support Instructor (Resuscitation Council UK) June 2024
- Paediatric Immediate Life Support March 2024
- Train the Trainer Children's Safeguarding – NSPCC (2016)
- HABC Level 3 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF) - work based (2014)
- Specialist Practitioner in Children's Critical Care UCE Birmingham (2006)
- Dip HE Nursing Studies (Child) Keele University (2002)
- NNEB Caudon College (1990)

Proficiencies

Paediatric life support; Advanced paediatric life support; IV drug administration including Enzyme Replacement Therapy; Advanced care of the Critically ill Child; Manual handling; Fire safety; Food hygiene; Child protection; Emergency epilepsy medication administration; High dependency training; Home and hospital ventilation including oscillation and nitric oxide; Chest management; Bowel and bladder care; Gastrostomy, PEG, PEJ and NG competent; Managing challenging behaviour; Immediate and ongoing trauma; surgical, medical and post-operative care (PICU and ward based); Airway management including tracheostomy care, suctioning, use of airway adjuncts (e.g. guerdel, endotracheal and nasopharyngeal airway); Long term ventilation, Discharge planning; Care of the spinal injured child; Oxygen administration; Oral care; Skin/pressure area care; Pain management; cannulation and venepuncture; Administration of IV therapies including parenteral nutrition; Administration of growth hormone; Care assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation; Patient and family education; Training and clinical supervision of junior and unqualified staff; breaking bad news; Conflict resolution; Ability to organise, prioritise and manage a busy workload; Ability to work autonomously; Writing of clinical policies and procedures; End of life care for children; Leadership and management; Health and safety, Budget management.

Professional Experience

- Freelance Clinical Trainer -TDS Clinical Training-Present
- Children's Complex Care Nurse (Bank) NHS

- Freelance consultancy-Clinical Governance and Compliance-Present
- Practice Educator and Advisor Courtyard Care: March 2021 – July 2024
- Clinical Lead Complex Care: August 2020 - March 2021
- Clinical Lead, The Practice Group: April 2019 - June 2020
- Senior Nurse Emergency Department Leighton Hospital, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust December: 2018 - March 2019
- Paediatric Nurse Expert AMG Consultancy Services: March 2017 - Present
- Clinical Lead Sugarman Health and Wellbeing: July 2017 - October 2018
- Paediatric Clinical Lead, Complete Care (MITIE Group Plc): May 2014 - July 2017
- Clinical Service Development Lead, The Donna Louise Children's Hospice Trust: December 2013 - May 2014
- Paediatric Nurse Manager, The Complete Group: May 2012 - November 2013
- Paediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, The Complete Group: August 2011 - May 2012
- Children's Home IV Nurse Healthcare at Home: July 2010 – August 2011
- Paediatric Nurse PICU University Hospital North Staffordshire: October 2002 – July 2010.

Expert Witness Background

Tracy has been an expert witness since 2017. She accepts instructions from both Claimant and Defendant representatives on a joint basis. She can advise on the care and care management needs of children and young adults (0-25 years).

She has experience of attending case conferences and conducting expert meetings. She is a full member of the Royal College of Nursing, and she is registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Awaiting on attendance at the Bond Solon certificated legal training courses: "Excellence in Report Writing" and "Court Room Skills - Witness Familiarisation"

Claimant/Defendant/Single Joint Ratio – 53:47:0 (as of 01.11.2024)

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