

Stephanie Clarke

Expert Witness

Bedfordshire



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Professional Summary

Stephanie is Senior Occupational Therapist with over a decade of experience, spanning clinical, community and private healthcare settings. She specialises in adults and older adults with complex health needs. Stephanie is adept in conducting rigorous assessments to determine care, aids and equipment requirements, including moving & handling, home adaptations, functional and postural requirements. She is proficient in risk assessment, safeguarding, falls management and conducting environmental checks. Throughout her career, Stephanie has supported vulnerable adults with a wide variety of physical disabilities, mental health conditions, sensory impairments and learning disabilities. She thrives on supporting her clients in achieving optimal independence and ability to complete daily activities.

As an Expert Witness for Harrison Associates, Stephanie leverages her wealth of clinical expertise to perform comprehensive assessments, providing authoritative reports on short and long-term care, aids and equipment requirements. She is fully trained in Civil Procedure Rules and maintains her continuing professional development through a range of additional training and education activities.

Specialisms

- Learning Disability
- Physical Disability
- Mental Health
- Sensory Impairment
- Moving & Handling
- Postural Management
- Falls Management
- Specialist Equipment
- Risk Assessment
- Specialist Seating
- Pressure Ulcer Prevention
- Safeguarding
- Home Adaptations

Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Career History

Community Occupational Therapist (Adults & Older Adults)

Luton Borough Council

2022 - Present

Hertfordshire County Council

2018 - 2022

- Responsible for conducting functional and postural assessments, including relevant decision making.
- Provide recommendations for care packages and activity engagement, ensuring thorough consideration or risk.
- Accountable for specialist equipment, moving & handling, aids and adaptations recommendations and provision.
- Complete environmental checks and support safeguarding investigations as a trained enquiry officer. This involves targeting issues regarding neglect, poor moving & handling practice and training requirements and producing detailed reports.
- Supported the implementation of training improvement schemes, created and reviewed action plans, led bed care prevention strategies and advised on complex postural needs.
- Worked closely with Hertfordshire Care Providers Association, feeding back the needs of care homes and agencies whilst creating tools to support managers.

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Career History Continued

Senior Occupational Therapist (Complex Medicine) Luton & Dunstable Hospital

2016 - 2018

- Held comprehensive management responsibility for a Complex Medicine ward.
- This included accountability for managing challenging discharges, completing functional assessments, decision making for home including capacity assessments, equipment provision and rehabilitation planning and delivery.

Occupational Therapist LBC Adult Social Care & Housing Community Team

2014 - 2016

- Led assessment and provision for moving & handling equipment, including conducting rigorous risk assessments.
- Requested and accessed bespoke equipment for individuals with complex needs.
- Assessed for minor and major adaptations and supported clients with rehousing needs.

Occupational Therapist Assistant LBC Adult Social Care

2013 - 2014

- Conducted home functional assessments for equipment provision and both minor and major adaptations.
- Supported vulnerable adults with a broad range of physical disabilities, learning disabilities, sensory impairments and mental health conditions.
- Supported care provision and rehousing, ensuring clients were enabled in completing daily activities and living independently.

Mallard House & Eagle Wood Neurological Care Centres Occupational Therapy Placement

2012 - 2013

Amersham Hospital (Community Mental Health Team & Day Hospital) Occupational Therapy Placement

2012

Stoke Mandeville Hospital (Neurological Physical Disability - Stroke Unit) Occupational Therapy Placement

2012

Memberships

- British Association of Occupational Therapy
- Health and Care Professions Council
- BAOT Specialist Section in Independent Practice

Ages Covered

- Adults only.