## **Laverne Simms**

**Expert Witness** 

Manchester



### **Professional Experience**

Laverne is an accomplished registered general nurse with almost two decades of diverse experience, specialising in palliative and complex care. For the past five years, Laverne has specialised in community nursing for patients with a broad range of complex needs, including those with brain, spinal cord and complex birth injuries. Laverne also has significant experience as a clinical negligence nurse advisor, assessing records and providing objective reports. She is highly proficient in ventilation, wound management, peg feeding and tracheostomy care and has experience in diabetic management.

As an Expert Witness for Harrison Associates, Laverne utilises her extensive clinical expertise to produce clear, impartial and rigorous reports. She is fully trained in Civil Procedures Rules and continually optimises and expands her clinical expertise via a range of continuing professional development. This includes mandatory training, self-directed learning, professional publications, online learning and peer support.

### **Specialisms**

- Palliative Care
- Complex Care
- Perioperative Care
- Nursing
- Clinical Negligence
- Brain Injury
- Birth Injury
- Spinal Injury

#### **Qualifications**

- Advanced Diploma in Adult Nursing Care
- Registered General Nurse

## **Career History**

## **Registered General Nurse Complex Care Needs Prestige Nursing & Care**

2017 - Present

- Provide community nursing to patients with a variety of complex healthcare needs.
- This has included working with adult and paediatric clients with acquired brain injuries, catastrophic birth injuries and spinal cord injuries.
- Support case managers in delivering care packages and assist with care planning, risk assessment and identifying the training and education requirements of care staff.
- Provide training to support works on the management of peg feeding, cough assist, safe administration of medication, ventilation, nebulisers, wound management and tracheostomy care.
- Provide diabetic management to patients with acquired brain injuries.



### **Career History Continued**

#### Clinical Negligence Nurse Advisor Premier Medical Holdings

2015 - 2017

 Thoroughly reviewing and assess medical records, producing clear and focused reports, highlighting events of alleged negligence and providing expert judgement on whether a negligence case should be pursued.

#### Palliative Care Nurse Neil Cliffe Care Centre (St Ann's Hospice)

2014 - 2015

- Managed a complex caseload of patients and provided a wide range of advice, support and a signposting service for other healthcare professions.
- Supported the delivery of business development plans, enabling patients and relatives from the wider community to obtain access to the service.

# Perioperative Care Nurse Transport Pines Hospital

2006 - 2014

- Provided perioperative nursing care within this private cosmetic surgery hospital.
- Completed training in wound management and customer service.
- Mentored student nurses to ensure the delivery of holistic, patient-centred care.

## Palliative Care Nurse St Ann's Hospice

2004 - 2008

 Led nursing provision for palliative care patients with a broad variety of life limiting conditions

## **Memberships**

## **Ages Covered**

- Royal College of Nursing
- Nursing & Midwifery Council

Adults & Paediatrics