

Kirstie Goodall

Expert Witness
Occupational Therapist

Derbyshire



Professional Background

Kirstie Goodall is an experienced Occupational Therapist with extensive expertise spanning over a decade in a variety of settings, including health, social care, and education. Her primary focus has been on paediatric care, where she has managed a diverse caseload of children experiencing a range of congenital and acquired conditions, such as cerebral palsy, various neurological disorders, genetic abnormalities, and developmental delays. Her work extends to managing complex needs associated with orthopaedic and musculoskeletal conditions, often requiring intricate intervention strategies tailored to each child's unique challenges.

Kirstie's clinical skills are comprehensive, encompassing expert assessments and treatments that address not only the physical aspects of her patients' conditions but also their cognitive, sensory, and socio-emotional needs. She has developed a robust practice around the implementation of specialist equipment provision and environmental adaptations, which play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life and independence of her patients. This includes designing custom care plans that incorporate safe moving and handling techniques, crucial for children with severe physical limitations. Beyond her paediatric specialisation, Kirstie has a solid background in working with adults, particularly in the realm of mental health. Her role often intersects with social services, where she collaborates closely on cases involving adults with mental health issues, ensuring their care plans are supportive and sustainable. Kirstie has considerable experience in community care settings, helping adults transition back into community living post-hospitalisation.

As an Expert Witness for Harrison Associates since 2022, Kirstie applies her in-depth clinical knowledge to the legal context, providing detailed, evidence-based reports for court cases. Her insights are invaluable in cases involving complex disability claims, where understanding the nuanced impacts of a condition on daily living and functionality is crucial.

Kirstie's expertise is complemented by her commitment to ongoing professional development, staying abreast of the latest advancements in her field through continuous training and by engaging in relevant professional forums. Kirstie is fully trained in Civil Procedure Rules, ensuring her expert witness reports are thorough, impartial, and authoritative.

Specialisms

- Brain Injury
- Neurological Conditions
- Cerebral Palsy
- Orthopaedics
- Learning Disabilities
- Birth Injury
- Genetic Disorders
- Moving & Handling
- Home Adaptions
- Seating & Posture Management
- Specialist Equipment
- Palliative Care

Age group

- Children



Career history

- Case Manager 2025 - Present
Harrison Associates
- Expert Witness 2022 - Present
Harrison Associates
- Senior Occupational Therapist 2014 - Present
Various Local Authority Settings
 - Obtained extensive experience in specialist paediatric equipment provision, moving & handling procedures and complex structural adaptations, including reading architectural plans.
 - Oversee design elements of Disabled Facilities Grant schemes.
 - Conduct assessments and provide supportive functional seating systems for children in home and at school.
 - Implemented moving & handling assessments and reviews to minimise risk to children, families and carers and improve patient outcomes providing demonstrations and education to families.
 - Complete regular in-progress evaluations to determine intervention success and identify and implement areas for improvement.
- Occupational Therapist (Paediatrics) 2013 - 2014
Plymouth Child Development Centre & Derriford General Hospital
 - Led the assessment and treatment of children with a broad range of conditions, including facilitating discharges.
 - Delivered and analysed standardised assessments, devised and implemented creative programmes to support children's' development skills and their function in daily activities such as eating, dressing and writing.
 - Ran assessment clinics for children with developmental disorders and Cerebral Palsy.
 - Provided advice on specialist equipment for school and homes.
- Community Mental Health Professional 2012 - 2013
Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
 - Care co-ordinated a complex caseload of adults presenting with diverse mental health and social care needs, who were unable to engage fully with more traditional services.
 - Utilised specialist and generic skills to devise and implement interventions to enhance engagement with services.
 - Supported service users and carers to obtain the treatment that promoted health and wellbeing.
 - Developed holistic care plans in line with the Care Plan Approach to include support with housing, employment, finances and physical health needs.

Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Professional Memberships

- RCOT, Specialist Sections For Independent Practice, Neurological Practice and Trauma & Musculo-skeletal Health
- HCPC

