

Claudia Salmon

Expert Witness
Occupational Therapist

Essex



Professional Experience

Claudia Salmon is a senior occupational therapist with over ten years of clinical experience in the NHS and a developing practice as an expert witness. Her professional background spans a wide range of clinical specialisms including neurological conditions, brain injury, frailty, elderly care, respiratory medicine, emergency care, palliative treatment, and hand therapy. She has undertaken detailed assessments of function, movement, strength, and posture, with experience in evaluating rehabilitation needs in both acute and community contexts. Claudia also brings knowledge of specialist equipment and environmental modifications, supporting recommendations that promote safety, function, and independence.

In her clinical practice, Claudia has led interventions targeting pain, fatigue, and mobility issues, alongside therapy programmes aimed at improving motor skills and functional performance. She has contributed to equipment selection and adjustment processes and has experience working with patients requiring complex handling plans and adaptive solutions. Her knowledge of infection control, manual handling, safeguarding, and service governance underpins her approach to both clinical and evaluative work.

As an expert witness, Claudia is responsible for preparing independent assessments and occupational therapy reports to inform litigation involving injury and loss of function. She undertakes thorough evaluations of current and future care and rehabilitation needs, based on a clear understanding of clinical standards and practical delivery. Her reports are tailored to the specifics of each case, drawing on her direct therapeutic experience and current clinical practice.

Claudia is committed to maintaining high standards of professional development. She engages in regular external training to ensure her practice remains current and compliant, including recent development in riser recliner chair assessment, wound care, and specialist equipment prescribing. She continues to balance her clinical work as an OT with independent reporting, offering a sound and credible perspective on occupational therapy needs in the context of complex personal injury. Claudia is also practising as a Case Manager.

Claudia is fully trained in the Civil Procedure Rules, including relevant revisions as they arise. She actively maintains her continuing professional development via a range of training opportunities.

Specialisms

- Neurological Conditions
- Brain Injury
- Frailty
- Elderly Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Palliative Care
- Hand Therapy
- Respiratory Medicine
- Moving & Handling
- Home Adaptions
- Specialist equipment

Age group

- Adults



Career history

- Case Manager 2025 - Present
Harrison Associates
- OT Enhancement Therapy LTD 2023 - Present
Director and Independent Occupational Therapist
 - Completes assessments evaluating motor skills, muscle strength, range of movement, and posture. The individual's environment, equipment and medical needs are taken into consideration to recommend the best rehabilitation interventions.
 - Completes interventions including therapy sessions, self-guided activities, strategies for managing pain, fatigue and equipment recommendations.
 - Monitors progress and makes adjustments until the desired outcome is achieved.
 - Offers a variety of options, from basic to higher quality equipment, with potential for customised solutions.
- Occupational Therapy Expert Witness Associate (self-employed) 2022 - Present
Harrison Associates
 - Complete comprehensive holistic assessments, responsible for providing independent, detailed care and occupational therapy reports.
 - Source fair and reasonable costs for individual current and future needs.
- Senior Occupational Therapist 2014 - 2023
East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust
 - Member of the Neurological Outpatients team, responsible for leading post Intensive Care Unit rehabilitation, discharge planning, complex interdisciplinary therapeutic interventions and providing education, advice and support regarding the management of long-term chronic conditions in the home.
 - Specialist equipment provision, guidance on moving & handling and conducting home visits to determine patients' needs and make minor adaptations.
 - Worked on two patient inpatient wards specific to COVID and respiratory medicine.
 - Established and managed a high-performing frailty service. This included triaging to outside agencies and community services and collaborating with various hospital-based services, including A&E.
- Rotational Occupational Therapist 2011 - 2014
East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust
 - Completed home visits to assess equipment needs of surgical and orthopaedic patients for discharge, including ramps.
 - Assessed and ordered wheelchairs and attachments for amputee patients.
 - Managed two busy elderly care wards with a total of 42 patients.

Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Professional Memberships

- HCPC
- RCOT
- EWI
- BABICM