

Dahima Smith

Expert Witness
Nurse

Salisbury



Professional Background

Dahima Smith brings over a decade of rich clinical experience in nursing, with a specialised focus on complex care management, particularly for patients with spinal cord and brain injuries. Throughout her career, Dahima has been deeply involved in the intricate care of patients suffering from severe neurological conditions such as epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and traumatic brain injuries, as well as managing conditions like dementia alongside depression and anxiety. Her work spans a broad age range, providing care from young children to elderly adults, making her adept at tailoring interventions to meet diverse patient needs across the lifespan.

In her role as a complex care manager, Dahima has excelled in setting up and overseeing comprehensive care packages designed to enhance the quality of life for individuals with profound injuries. Her responsibilities have included conducting thorough assessments, developing detailed care plans, and coordinating with Integrated Care Boards to secure necessary funding. Dahima's approach to care management is holistic and patient-centred, ensuring that all aspects of a patient's health and well-being are addressed.

Dahima has demonstrated exceptional leadership in coordinating multidisciplinary teams to create effective rehabilitation packages. She has led collaborations involving occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, dieticians, doctors, and nursing staff, orchestrating seamless care and support tailored to the specific rehabilitation needs of spinal cord and brain injury patients. Her ability to manage and integrate the efforts of diverse healthcare professionals has been crucial in her success as a care manager.

Dahima's expertise in complex care management, combined with her leadership in coordinating care teams and her commitment to professional growth, make her an ideal candidate for roles requiring high levels of clinical insight and patient care strategy. Her background equips her with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide expert witness services in cases involving complex medical and care needs.

Dahima 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 & injuries
- Spinal cord & peripheral nerve injury
- Orthopaedic & MSK injuries, conditions
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- General medical & surgical conditions
- Pain Conditions
- Sensory impairment
- Respiratory conditions
- Tracheostomy care
- PEG feeding
- Ventilation

Age group

- Adults
- Children



Career history

- Registered Nurse (RN) November 2022 to Present
Nurseplus Agency
- Regional Nurse manager September 2023 to December 2023
Complex Care
- Registered Nurse (RN) January 2023 to August 2023
New Hall Hospital (Ramsay Health Care)
- Deputy Ward Manager June 2020 to March 2022
Renovo Care Group South Newton
- Scrutiny Practitioner Capita August 2019 to February 2020
Scrutinising medical records for Army applicants
- Care Service Manager 2017 to July 2019
- Registered Staff Nurse (ICU) June 2016 to March 2017
Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
- Registered Nurse (RN) February 2015 to May 2016
Glenside Manor Neuro Rehabilitation Hospital
- Staff Nurse September 2013 to December 2014
Trauma & Orthopaedics
Southampton General Hospital Hampshire

Qualifications

- Advanced Diploma in Nursing
University of Southampton
September 2013
- Access to health Professions Diploma,
July 2010

Professional Memberships

- RCN

