



Catherine Cooper

RGN, MSc Advanced Practice, ANP

Liability Breach of Duty Reports



Specialisms:

- Advanced Practice
- Prescribing
- General Practice
- Acute illness
- Chronic illness
- Infection Prevention and Control
- General Practice Nursing

Profile:

I am a Registered General Nurse with over 30 years' clinical experience both in the civilian and military field with a background in primary, urgent and unscheduled care. I am currently an experienced Advanced Nurse Practitioner within a large, busy General Practice. In addition, I am an experienced Expert Witness in the Clinical Negligence field. I possess well-developed planning and decision-making/problem solving abilities and am a highly motivated individual.

With effective communication skills, I form good relationships with colleagues and patients. I work autonomously within general practice attending to urgent on the day cases, as well as arranging investigations and referrals. As an Infection Control Lead Nurse, I am responsible for overseeing the infection control policy/audit and compliance and I have an interest in antimicrobial prescribing/stewardship. I am also a visiting lecturer at the University of the West of England and clinical teaching and development are particular passions.

Since 2013, and in addition to my clinical role, I have been acting as an Expert Witness, writing Breach of Duty reports for both Claimant and Defendant. Areas of expertise include, advanced practice, prescribing, general practice, general practice nursing.

Achievements and work undertaken to date include:

- Delivery of patient centered care at an advanced level working autonomously delivering a high standard of care to patients presenting with undiagnosed and chronic conditions.
- Nursing expert in the Clinical Negligence field; preparation of breach of duty reports for both Claimant and Defendant solicitors. A vetted, individual member of the Expert Witness Institute.



Maggie Sargent & Associates

- Head of Clinical Negligence for a Medico-legal expert witness company leading a team of other liability experts; mentoring, quality assurance, training, recruitment, marketing and business development.
- Completed the MSc in Advanced Practice at UWE in 2023.
- Guest lecturer at UWE.
- Leadership and planning of a large merger of GP practices as the Clinical/Nurse Lead.
- An experienced Infection Prevention and Control Lead Nurse, meeting CQC requirements and practice-wide training/audit/compliance.
- Veterans Lead – completed RCGP accreditation and co-ordination of Veterans issues.
- Nursing Officer in the British Army, QARANC.

Qualifications and Memberships:

- Sep 2025 Confidence in the Courtroom, EWI
- Apr 2025 Conferences with Lawyers, EWI
- Dec 2024 Expert Witness Essentials, in house JJ&A
- Jul 2023 MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice, UWE
- Jan 2023 Level 7 module, Masters Dissertation, UWE
- Sep 2021 Level 7 module Health and Social Care Research Methods, UWE
- Apr 2020 Clinical Negligence Essentials for Experts, Bond Solon
- Feb 2020 Level 7 module Pathophysiology and Diagnostic Reasoning, UWE
- Sep 2019 Courtroom Skills, Bond Solon
- Oct 2019 Civil Law and Procedure, Bond Solon
- Jun 2019 Level 7 module Infection Prevention and Control, RCN
- Sep 2018 Excellence in Report Writing, Bond Solon
- Jun 2017 Level 7 module Contemporary Issues in Advancing Healthcare Practice, UWE Jun 2013 Level 7 module Minor Injury & Illness in Children (MIMIC), UWE
- Jun 2012 Level 6 module, Independent/Supplementary Nurse Prescribing Course, UWE
- Jun 2012 Level 6 module, Applied Pharmacology
- Apr 2009 Level 6 module, First Contact and Minor Illness, University of York
- Jul 2008 Level 6 module, Emergency Nurse Practitioner, UWE
- Jul 2008 Level 6 module, Clinical examination skills in A&E, UWE
- Jan 2005 Level 6, Teaching & Assessing in Practice, UWE
- Dec 2000 Level 6, Nurse Practitioner, Royal College for Defence Medicine
- Mar 1997 Level 2, Tissue Viability Module (ENB 264), St Georges, London
- Jul 1997 Level 2, ENB 199 A&E Nursing, Kings College London
- Oct 1994 Level 1, Registered General Nurse, The Nightingale and Guy's College