



Lauren Graham

Registered Midwife

Liability Breach of Duty Reports

Specialisms:

- Midwifery
- Complex Pregnancies
- Bereavement Care
- Maternity Triage
- Intrapartum Care
- CTG Interpretation



Profile:

I am a clinically active senior midwife with extensive intrapartum experience across a range of maternity units with annual birth rates between 2,000 and 8,000. Over 15 years in the NHS, including more than a decade in senior midwifery leadership roles such as Labour Ward Coordinator, I have developed advanced expertise in managing high-acuity clinical environments. I am skilled in CTG interpretation, maternity triage, enhanced maternal care, and the coordination of complex intrapartum pathways, providing clinical oversight and decision-making.

I hold an MSc in Advanced Professional Practice (Nursing and Midwifery), with specialist study in maternal critical care, mentorship and newborn infant physical examination. I have led quality improvement initiatives, including the successful relaunch of an outpatient induction of labour pathway within my organisation.

I have undertaken perinatal incident investigations since 2015 and have been consistently commended by external bodies for the clarity, accuracy, and analytical depth of my reports. My investigative expertise led to my appointment to an independent review team examining maternity services across multiple NHS Trusts. I am recognised for my diligence, objectivity, and meticulous approach in both clinical practice and investigative work.

My specialist interests include complex pregnancy, bereavement care, maternity triage, intrapartum care, and CTG interpretation. I accept instructions from both claimant and defendant solicitors and have completed formal training in the medico-legal process. I fully understand my responsibilities under the Civil Procedure Rules and the duties of an expert witness, including the requirement to provide independent, unbiased, and evidence-based opinion to the court.



Maggie Sargent & Associates

Qualifications and Memberships:

- Registered Midwife – Nursing and Midwifery Council
- MSc Advanced Professional Practice (Nursing and Midwifery) – University of Plymouth
- BSc (Hons) Midwifery Practice – Staffordshire University
- Professional Midwifery Advocate
- Immediate Life Support Trained
- Neonatal Life Support Trained with Instructor Potential
- Newborn and Infant Physical Examination Practitioner

Divisional Quality Lead

Apr 2022 – Present

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

Responsible for the coordination of the quality governance agenda across the Communities & Families Division (inclusive of maternity and neonatal services). Within my current role, I maintain clinical credibility through regular clinical work including as part of the midwifery manager on-call rota.

Independent Review Team Member

Sep 2021 – Present

Donna Ockenden Limited

Providing midwifery expert opinion on multiple cases as part of independent reviews into maternity services across several NHS Trusts. Working collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team to deliver objective, evidence-based assessments of clinical care and contribute to national recommendations that support improvement, learning, and accountability within perinatal services.

Labour Ward Coordinator

Jun 2015 – Apr 2024

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

Delivering clear clinical leadership, guidance, and support to the midwifery team throughout each shift. Taking responsibility for assessing and prioritising workload, coordinating activity, and working closely with the multidisciplinary team to maintain patient safety and deliver effective personalised care.

Rotational Midwife

Nov 2014 – Jun 2015

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

Experienced rotational midwife providing safe, evidence-based antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care across a range of clinical settings. Skilled in working autonomously and as part of the multidisciplinary team, rotating through clinical areas to deliver holistic, woman-centred care.

Inpatient Services Midwife

Apr 2014 – Nov 2014

University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust

Rotational midwife working throughout inpatient services – predominantly on the labour ward.

Delivery Suite Midwife

Oct 2010 – April 2014

Birmingham Women's & Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Experienced labour ward midwife skilled in providing high and low-risk intrapartum and acute midwifery care within a fast-paced clinical environment. Proficient in delivering maternal high-dependency care, including the use of invasive monitoring and advanced assessment skills. Confident in managing complex clinical situations, supporting safe decision-making, and working collaboratively within the multidisciplinary team.