



## Belinda Kennedy

Registered General Nurse & Nursing Expert Witness

**Types of Reports Undertaken:** Quantum Occupational Health Reports, Liability Breach of Duty Reports

**Locations Covered:** UK

**Client Age Categories:** Adult



### Specialisms:

- Industrial Disease
- Occupational Health
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Vaccinations

### Profile:

I am a highly regarded nurse in the fields of Occupational Health, Orthopaedics and Mental Health with over 30 years' post qualification experience. I provide specialist occupational health services to several companies including OHS Gibraltar as a consultant regarding SEQOHS (Standards of Excellence in Occupational Health Services) and advice.

I have been instrumental in designing, planning, and implementing adjustments for clients. I can advise on steps needed to overcome barriers to enable individuals to return to gainful employment, identifying suitable occupations and evaluating work capacity for return to work.

I previously worked for BHSF providing vocational rehabilitation reports and health surveillance such as audiometry, HAVS and Spirometry and have qualifications in all these disciplines.

I have 15 years' experience providing reports and statements, and regularly presenting evidence in both the Criminal and Coroners Court. I received report and courtroom training skills as part of my training with the National Training Centre for Scientific Support, Durham.

I ran a business assessing and treating back pain and sports injuries on a referral system from consultants and GPs. I am skilled in risk/hazard identification ensuring a safe working environment and am trained in HAVS, audiology and spirometry. I regularly undertake training to ensure my skills and knowledge are current and to maintain my professional development.



# Maggie Sargent & Associates

I prepare medico-legal reports on nursing care, breach of duty, and vocational rehabilitation. I have undergone training in the role of the expert witness and understand my duties under the Civil Procedure Rules pertaining to Expert Witnesses and Part 35.

## **Key Career Roles:**

- Research Nurse for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery with a published paper in the Journal of Management in Medicine
- Lead OHA for industries including Heavy Manufacturing Construction, Food Manufacturing and Government
- Functional Assessor for Disability Claims – DWP
- Forensic Investigator – Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)
- Prison Nurse – HM Prison Maghaberry
- Staff Nurse, A&E, Fractures and Orthopaedics
- Registered General Nurse, Belfast City Hospital

## **Professional Qualifications:**

- BSc Occupational Health
- Registered General Nurse
- Orthopaedic Nursing Certificate (Musgrave Park Hospital)
- Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate (Cardiff University)

## **Professional Memberships:**

- Member of the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC)
- Member of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN)
- Member of the Society for Occupational Medicine
- Member of the Vocational Rehabilitation Association