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Types of Reports Undertaken: Quantum Occupational Therapy Reports, Liability Breach of Duty Reports

Locations Covered: UK, Poland, Eastern Europe

Client Age Categories: Neonatal, Paediatric, Adult



Specialisms:

- Amputations
- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Paediatrics
- Spinal Injury
- Visual Impairment

Profile:

I qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 2006. I have worked with both adults and children with highly complex physical disabilities and physical health needs.

From 2006 to 2010, I worked in both NHS and Adult Social Care community rehabilitation teams in the Luton and Dunstable area. My main role involved discharge planning from intermediate care to the community.

In 2007, in my role as an Occupational Therapist in Luton I participated in the government pilot scheme for Telecare equipment in the community.

In 2010 I moved into independent practice completing assessments for aids and equipment on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Also, during this time, I worked as a Locum Occupational Therapist for Adult Social Care Services in Mid-Bedfordshire, NHS community hospitals in Bicester, and St Albans managing in-patient Occupational Therapy treatment and discharge planning.

Since 2011 I have worked as an Expert Witness for Maggie Sargent & Associates and as a Case Manager for Community Case Management Services. I have written over 180 expert reports for the Court on both adults and children with complex disability or illness, as a result of incidents in the workplace or public roads, manual handling, and clinical negligence.

The types of injuries I have experience in providing Occupational therapy reports include:

- Acquired Head and Spinal Cord injuries



Maggie Sargent & Associates

- Cauda Equina
- Amputees
- Cerebral Palsy
- Brachial Plexus
- Orthopaedic injuries to the upper limbs, hands, lower limbs, and hip replacements
- Neurological injuries, strokes, chronic pain including CRPS
- Mental health and Nutritional conditions
- Visual Impairments – loss of vision due to clinical negligence for clients in both UK and Poland

I also have experience of preparing reports for very rare conditions such as Maple Syrup Urine Disease, and Leopard Syndrome in complex paediatric cases.

I have also completed several specialist Occupational Therapy reports in relation to DePuy ASR hip failure and subsequent arbitration tribunals.

I have extensive experience of assessing for bespoke equipment including wheelchairs and scooters.

I have specialist experience in Manual Handling, and I have prepared reports specifically on manually handling issues including complex Paediatric cases with complex manual handling needs.

I see clients all over the UK, Poland and Eastern Europe and I speak fluent English and Polish.

I have undergone training in the medico legal process, and I am fully aware of my responsibilities under the Civil Procedure Rules pertaining to expert witnesses.

Qualifications and Memberships:

- College of Occupational Therapy
- Health Professions Council Registration
- British Association of Brain Injury Case Management
- Back Care Professional Member
- National Back Exchange Professional Member
- Post Graduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy, London South Bank University
- Polish Language Course, Wroclaw University, Poland
- BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science, London South Bank University
- Professional Member of Post Supra Nuclear Palsy Foundation as a treating occupational therapist since 2008