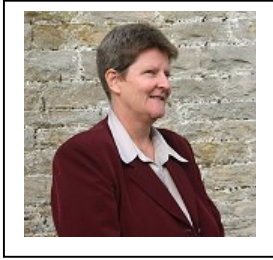


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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Clare Louise Garside

Date of birth: 21 December 1954

Qualifications: Diploma of the College of Occupational Therapists (1976)

Affiliations: Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council
Member of the Society of Expert Witnesses
Accredited as an Expert Witness by APIL

RÉSUMÉ

Clare Garside has practised as an Occupational Therapy Expert Witness since 1984 and is a founding director of Assessability Limited. In addition to her extensive experience she has undertaken formal Expert Witness training in report writing and giving evidence in court. She holds Professional Indemnity insurance to the value of six million pounds.

She prepares reports to inform litigation on the instruction of the claimant (average 70%) or defendant (average 20%) or as a single joint expert (average 10%). She prepares some 30 assessment reports a year and appears in court to give expert testimony as required.

Clare Garside's expertise typically contributes in the following types of cases:

- Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence
Well-evidenced and fully costed reports of functional assessment, past and future care, equipment, rehabilitation and leisure needs and related losses
- Family Law
Assessment of competence and facilities to care for children
- Housing and Court of Protection
Assessment of suitability of accommodation and necessary adaptations

Clare Garside gained her Diploma from Derby School of Occupational Therapy, where she was Student of the Year, 1976. She maintains clinical experience within her work for Assessability Limited. Previous employment has been with the Royal Air Force and the National Health Service, reaching the grade of Head III. Across her career she has gained specific experience of wheelchair and special seating assessment and prescription, interventions with the elderly severely mentally ill and in treating orthopaedic, head and hand injuries.

Clare Garside maintains a professional development portfolio, reading relevant journals and attending short courses as appropriate. She is an active member of the College of Occupational Therapists, and having completed ten years service as Treasurer of their Independent Practice national specialist section, she now serves on the committee of their Medico-Legal Forum.

LEGAL TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

October 2015 8th Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
Stratford Upon Avon

June 2015 A Chance for Life Conference
Penrith

November 2014 Bond Solon; Expert Witness Conference
London

October 2014 7th Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
Reading

October 2013 6th Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
York

July 2013 Catastrophic Injury Seminar
London

May 2013 Transforming Legal Aid Consultation
Liverpool

March 2012 5th Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
Milton Keynes

February 2011 Solicitors Group Personal Injury Seminar
Birmingham

October 2010 4th Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
Bromsgrove

February 2010 Solicitors Group Civil Litigation Seminar
NEC, Birmingham

October 2009 3rd Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
Manchester

October 2008 2nd Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
Bristol

November 2007 London	Bond Solon; Expert Witness Conference
October 2007 Warwick	1 st Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
October 2007 Crannage Hall	Society of Expert Witnesses Autumn Conference
November 2006 London	BMA; Medico-legal practice: addressing key issues for doctors as experts
May 2003 Haydock	Society of Expert Witnesses Workshop; Terms of Engagement
July 2002 Manchester	Bond Solon; Expert witness legal update training
February 2000 London	Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL); Training for Expert Witnesses

Prior to this date Clare Garside attended Bond Solon and Society of Expert Witnesses Conferences and courses in Lord Woolf's Reforms for Experts (June 1999) Legal Report and Statement Writing (June 1995) and Advanced Courtroom Skills (October 1994).

POSTGRADUATE CLINICAL TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

October 2015 Stratford Upon Avon	27 th Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
November 2014 Birmingham	The OT Show
November 2014 Manchester	Kidz up North
October 2014 Reading	26 th Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
November 2013 Birmingham	The OT Show
October 2013 Manchester	Kingcraft Equipment Refresher Day
October 2013 York	25 th Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
October 2013 Manchester	Disabled Living Equipment Refresher Day
November 2012 Bolton	Kidz up North

May/June 2012 Manchester	Moving and Handling People: Trainers and Assessors Five day course
March 2012 Milton Keynes	24 th Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
October 2010 Bromsgrove	23 rd Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
October 2009 Manchester	22 nd Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
October 2008 Bristol	21 st Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
September 2008 Manchester	Bengt Engström; Seating seminar and workshop
September 2008 Preston	Child Brain Injury Trust, Brain Injury workshop
April 2008 Liverpool	Manual Handling, Sefton NHS Trust
October 2007 Warwick	20 th Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
October 2006 Durham	19 th Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
March 2006	14 day study tour of Chinese Health facilities; Shanghai, Beijing, Xi'an and Yangshuo. World Federation of Occupational Therapists
November 2005 London	Housing Adaptations, Disabled Living Foundation
November 2005 London	Designing Accessible Housing, Disabled Living Foundation

Prior to this date Clare Garside attended sixteen annual conferences of the Occupational Therapists in Private Practice, subsequently Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice, and was involved in the organisation of six of these. She also attended the Posture and Mobility Group conference (April 2004) and received training in the specialist aspects of wheelchairs and special seating, and of bed safety equipment (March 2004). She has attended Naidex, the national exhibition of disability equipment and services, most years for the last twenty years.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dates To- From	Organisation and Role
Continuing October 2002 -	<p>Consultant Occupational Therapist Joint Managing Director, Assessability Limited. Occupational Therapy consultancy and expert witness service</p> <p>Provision of reports and testimony to inform litigation, with experience of claimant, defendant and single joint instruction and of giving evidence in court.</p> <p>Assessment for benevolence expenditure, wheelchair provision and disability adaptation.</p>
September 2002 - April 1988	<p>Consultant Occupational Therapist, Partner, Direction Consultants Occupational Therapy consultancy and expert witness service</p> <p>Prior to incorporation, Assessability traded as Direction Consultants. Clare Garside was joint principal of the partnership, and had been preparing reports in support of litigation during this period and for about four years prior to the inception of the partnership in 1988.</p>
October 2012 - April 2000	<p>Freelance Senior I Occupational Therapist (1 day/week), Wheelchair Services, Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust (Formerly Sefton PCT, Southport and Formby PCT and North Sefton and West Lancashire NHS Trust).</p>
July - January 1999	<p>Freelance Senior I Occupational Therapist (1 day/week), Wheelchair Services, St Helens and Knowsley Community Services NHS Trust</p> <p>This parallel activity occupied about 18% of her time and served to maintain her current clinical experience.</p>
December 1998 - March 1994	<p>Freelance Senior I Occupational Therapist (1 day/week), Wheelchair Services, Southport and Formby Community Health Services NHS Trust</p> <p>This parallel activity occupied about 18% of her time and served to maintain her current clinical experience.</p>
February 1994 - January 1992	<p>Senior II Occupational Therapist (part time), Wheelchair Services Southport and Formby Community Health Services NHS Trust</p> <p>This parallel activity occupied about 18% of her time and served to maintain her current clinical experience.</p>
March 1988- June 1983	<p>Occupational Therapist in Independent Practice</p>

- December 1981 - Head III Occupational Therapist, Psychiatric Day Hospital,
November 1980 Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston.
- This promotion reflected a growth in the number of staff for whom she was responsible.
- November 1980 - Head IV Occupational Therapist, Psychiatric Day Hospital,
May 1979 Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston.
- This promotion added managerial responsibility to her role.
- April 1979 - Senior II Occupational Therapist, Psychiatric Day Hospital,
November 1978 Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston.
- This role extended her experience to the treatment of psychiatric conditions.
- June 1978 - Basic Grade Occupational Therapist, J.S.M.R.U., R.A.F.
September 1976 Chessington, Mansfield Road, Chessington, Surrey
- This role introduced Clare Garside to the treatment of a wide range of orthopaedic and neurological conditions.

EDUCATION

- June 1976 - Derby School of Occupational Therapy (Attained: Diploma of
Sept. 1973 Occupational Therapy plus Student of the Year award 1976)
- June 1973 - High Wycombe College of Technology and Art (Attained:
Sept. 1972 Certificate in Typewriting, R.S.A. Stage II, Certificate in Secretarial Duties, R.S.A. Stage II, Certificate in Shorthand, Pitmans 80 w.p.m.)
- July 1972 - Sherborne School For Girls, Dorset ('O' levels in 9 subjects)
Sept 1968