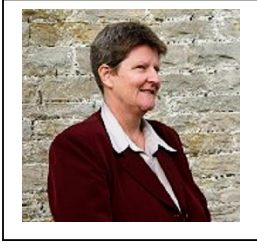


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EXPERT WITNESS

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 Professions Council
Member of the Society of Expert Witnesses
Accredited as an Expert Witness by APIL & Sweet and Maxwell
Checked (No. 565) by the Law Society

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, and is a member of the Society of Expert Witnesses. She holds Professional Indemnity insurance to the value of five million pounds.

Mrs Garside prepares reports for both claimant and defendant to inform litigation. She prepares some 30 assessment reports a year, and is well experienced in taking instruction as a single or as a joint expert and appears in court to give expert testimony as required. The average balance of work is 70% claimant, 20% defendant and 10% Single Joint Expert.

Mrs 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

Mrs Garside maintains clinical contact on ad hoc but regular basis, and currently discharges a freelance part time contract with the Wheelchair Services Department of an NHS primary care trust, undertakes other ad-hoc clinical assessment and therapy, and has experience of case management. She has contributed as an occasional Mobility Therapist within the charity Whizz-Kidz and is also practised in the provision of advisory reports for Benevolence Fund Expenditure.

Mrs Garside gained her Diploma from Derby School of Occupational Therapy, where she was Student of the Year, 1976. Previous employment has been with the Royal Air Force and the National Health Service in the assessment and rehabilitation of clients with physical and psychiatric disabilities. She reached the grade of Head III and has extensive experience in rehabilitation following trauma, including orthopaedics, head and hand injuries. She has psychiatric experience mainly in the field of acute admission and day care, and specialist knowledge of wheelchair and special seating provision.

Mrs Garside maintains a professional development portfolio and in addition to reading relevant journals and taking short courses as appropriate, has for some years been an active member of the College of Occupational Therapists, having recently completed ten years service on the Specialist Section - Independent Practice national committee.

LEGAL TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

February 2011 Birmingham	Solicitors Group Personal Injury Seminar
October 2010 Bromsgrove	4 th Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
February 2010 NEC, Birmingham	Solicitors Group Civil Litigation Seminar
October 2009 Manchester	3 rd Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
October 2008 Bristol	2 nd Annual Conference of COTSS-IP Medico-Legal Forum
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
October 1999	Society of Expert Witnesses Autumn Seminar
June 1999	Thomas Sand training seminar; Lord Woolf's Reforms for Experts

Prior to this date Mrs Garside attended Bond Solon and Society of Expert Witnesses Conferences and course in Legal Report and Statement Writing (June 1995) and Advanced Courtroom Skills (October 1994)

POSTGRADUATE CLINICAL TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

October 2010 Bromsgrove	23 rd Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
October 2009 Manchester	22 st 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
November 2005 London	18 th Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.

November 2004 Northampton	17 th Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice conf.
April 2004 Nottingham	Posture and Mobility Group conference
March 2004 Doncaster	DLC, Bed Safety Equipment Training Day
November 2003 Bristol	16 th Occupational Therapists in Private Practice conference

Prior to this date Clare Garside attended eleven annual conferences of the Occupational Therapists in Private Practice, and was involved in the organisation of six of these. She also received training in the specialist aspects of wheelchairs and special seating

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dates To- From	Organisation and Role
October 2002 - Continuing	<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. I 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>
Continuing - April 2000	<p>Freelance Senior I Occupational Therapist (1 day/week), Wheelchair Services, Sefton PCT (Formerly Southport and Formby PCT and North Sefton and West Lancashire NHS Trust).</p> <p>This parallel activity occupies about 18% of my time and serves to maintain my current clinical experience.</p>
July - January 1999	<p>Freelance Senior I Occupational Therapist (1 day/week), Wheelchair Services, St Helens and Knowsley Community Services NHS Trust</p>

This parallel activity occupied about 18% of my time and served to maintain my current clinical experience.

December 1998 - Freelance Senior I Occupational Therapist (1 day/week),
March 1994 Wheelchair Services, Southport and Formby Community Health Services NHS Trust

This parallel activity occupied about 18% of my time and served to maintain my current clinical experience.

February 1994 - Senior II Occupational Therapist (part time), Wheelchair Services
January 1992 Southport and Formby Community Health Services NHS Trust

This parallel activity occupied about 18% of my time and served to maintain my current clinical experience.

March 1988- Occupational Therapist in Independent Practice
June 1983

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 I was responsible.

November 1980 - Head IV Occupational Therapist, Psychiatric Day Hospital,
May 1979 Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston.

This promotion added managerial responsibility to my role.

April 1979 - Senior II Occupational Therapist, Psychiatric Day Hospital,
November 1978 Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston.

This role extended my 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 me 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 (A levels in 9 subjects)
Sept 1968