

Catherine Newcombe, Registered Nurse

Catherine Newcombe, RGN RM IHSC Cert, completed her nurse training at The Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. She has obtained further qualifications in Midwifery, Neuroscience Nursing, Teaching and Assessing, Tropical Diseases and Health Service Management

She has over 25 years of practical experience within the NHS, Private Sector and in the Community. She has extensive experience in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of patient care.

Her nursing experience has included general medicine, surgery, home care and over 12 years within the field of neurosciences.

She was the Senior Sister of a Neurosurgical ward for six years. This required a sound clinical knowledge base and good communication and interpersonal skills with patients, relatives and all members of the multidisciplinary team.

For three years she was the Senior Nurse of the Neuroscience Directorate [Neuromedicine, Neurosurgery and Neurorehabilitation] at St Bartholomew's Hospital and The Homerton Hospital in London. As well as the management and development of nursing and other services,

this involved taking part in the running of a group of hospitals, in maintaining and improving standards of care, writing nursing and Trust Policies and representing nursing on various Hospital and National committees.

Catherine Newcombe started writing reports for medico-legal purposes in 1993. She attended the Bond Solon certificated course for Nurse Experts called "Excellence in Report Writing and Courtroom Skills" in 1995 and subsequent courses.

She has written over 400 reports on a wide range of areas including disability or illness as a result of accidents at home or at work, road traffic accidents and medical/nursing negligence. The disabilities include paraplegia, tetraplegia, spinal injuries, head injuries, amputees and cerebral palsy.

She has experience with Claimant and Defendant cases and has acted as a Single Joint Expert. She has given evidence in Court. She is a member of the Royal College of Nursing.

