

Rachel Bush, RGN

Rachel Bush is a Registered General Nurse and has had an ongoing experience of disability since the age of nine years and her father's catastrophic accident, resulting in paraplegia. She trained at the Nottingham School of Nursing, after which she practised general nursing at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. She then specialised in spinal cord injuries at the Duke of Cornwall Spinal Injury Unit, Odstock, Salisbury, and completed the six months, full-time, ENB 371 (Nursing Patients with Spinal Cord Injuries) course in 1991. Following this she held the position of Clinical Nurse Specialist in Spinal Injuries at the Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, Australia. She also spent some time nursing Aborigines in the outback.

In her capacity as spinal nurse specialist, she has accompanied groups of spinal cord injured people on activity holidays, facilitated by the charity 'Back-Up'. She has nursed at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Spinal Injuries Unit, Stanmore and undertaken study days at Stoke Mandeville Spinal Injuries Unit to update her practice and ensure she is making appropriate recommendations according to current practice.

Rachel Bush has prepared reports for the purpose of litigation since 1994. These have been on the instruction of Claimant and Defendant Solicitors in almost equal proportions and have covered all

major disabilities including: cerebral palsy, head injury, spinal injury, amputees etc.

Since January 2002, Rachel Bush has acted as an independent assessor under the Code of Best Practice on Rehabilitation, Early Intervention and Medical Treatment in Personal Injury Claims, assessments being made outside the litigation process.

Rachel Bush has worked closely with Statutory Services throughout the UK to ensure statutory obligations are being met in order that clients are able to reach their rehabilitation potential. Where statutory provision is unable to meet a client's needs, she has initiated private provision of care and services.

She has reviewed PCT funded care packages and provided an independent opinion for PCT's as to the care required to meet their client's needs.

Rachel Bush manages a team of expert witnesses and case managers and provides ongoing advice and training. She has undertaken training in relation to her work as an expert witness including report writing and Courtroom skills. She has given evidence in court and by video link to Singapore as an Expert Witness. Rachel Bush is a member of the Case Management Society of the UK.