

## Wendy Murphy, Physiotherapist

Wendy Murphy, MSc (Oxon), MCSP, SRP Cert HE, prepares medical-legal reports, the purpose being to make a full, fair and impartial evaluation of a disabled individual's needs and requirements to assist the Court in calculating the quantum of damages.

Wendy Murphy is registered with the Health Professions Council and has a Master of Science Degree in Evidence Based Health Care at the University of Oxford and a Post Graduate Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education. She is a member of the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Neurology and the Medical Legal Association of Physiotherapists.

Wendy Murphy is currently course organiser at the Oxford Centre for Enablement (OCE), Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust. She is responsible for all issues pertaining to education within the OCE.

She has 25 years of experience in attending to the physiotherapy needs of profoundly disabled children, working with them in their schools and in their homes. She has extensive experience of working as part of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals involved in the care of the neurologically impaired adults and children and of liaising with others involved in their care.

Wendy Murphy has particular expertise in assessment for, and provision of, specialist static seating and customised seating. She is qualified and competent to make recommendations for specialist seating.

In addition, Wendy Murphy delivers lectures and workshops, nationally and internationally, on aspects of her work to fellow professionals, members of other professions, under-graduate and post-graduate students, support staff, parents and carers.

She is the tutor leader of the validated Master's Certificate in Posture Management, which takes place at OCE, in collaboration with Oxford Brookes University. On this course, which she designed and developed, she teaches senior therapists on issues pertaining to disabled adults and children and their families, including comprehensive assessment and treatment, prescription and provision of equipment and supervision of their management.

Publications include a case study published in the peer reviewed 'Physiotherapy International Journal'. She is a contributory author to the book, *Profound and Complex Disability: Management of the Condition* (Pope, 2007).



Wendy Murphy has 18 years of experience in preparing Expert Witness reports. The reports relate to assessing the physiotherapy needs of persons of any age who have congenital or acquired impairment and/or disability that arise from neurological origin. She has also prepared reports commenting on physiotherapist's practice when they have had litigation brought against them. She prepares around 50 such reports a year, about 40% of which are joint instructions, 30% for the Defendant and 30% for the Claimant.



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