

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Alison Conway RN, BSc (Hons), MSc

Alison Conway is registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as both a Registered General Nurse and an Independent Nurse Prescriber. She has over 30 years' experience in clinical practice in the NHS acute sector and the community, caring for adults and children.

Alison is an experienced expert witness having completed a number of Liability and Care reports for both claimant and defendant. She has produced reports for adults and children on a wide range of areas including disability, injury or illness as a result of accidents at home or at work; road traffic accidents; medical and nursing negligence and occupational lung disease. These disabilities include paraplegia, tetraplegia, catastrophic injury, cerebral palsy and neuromuscular disease. Alison has particular expertise in respiratory and thoracic care and management, including tracheostomy and ventilation.

Over the last few years Alison has been involved in the care and management of both adults and children requiring complex care in the community. This included patients with spinal cord injury, acquired brain injury, neurological conditions and children with birth related injuries or hereditary disease. Alison has particular skills in the assessment of needs to determine the level of care required; risk assessment and planning of care to meet those needs. As Clinical Lead and Head of Integrated Governance her role encompassed all aspects of risk management, safeguarding, policy and guideline development and ensuring the quality of care delivery.

Alison trained at Macdonald Buchanan School of Nursing, The Middlesex Hospital in Central London, qualifying in 1988. She initially worked in Intensive Care at University College Hospital, London. Alison has been a ward sister; practice development nurse and nurse practitioner on an acute medical assessment unit. She has established and led a number of innovative services during her career, including community outreach programmes; a home intravenous antibiotic service for patients with cystic fibrosis and bronchiectasis and a nurse-led clinic for patients referred with suspected lung cancer. The services were highly successful and the home IV service won the Nye Bevan Award in 2000.

Alison's has been a lecturer for the National Respiratory Training Centre for ten years, has published in multiple journals, written chapters in two books, sat on a number of National Guideline committees and contributed to the National Guidelines on Withdrawal of Non-Invasive Ventilation in Motor Neurone Disease and the World Health Organisation publication on Adherence to Long-Term Therapies.

In 2008 Alison gained a first class honours degree and then qualified as a Nurse Independent Prescriber in 2010 before completing her MSc in Clinical Sciences in 2011. Both degrees and the prescribing qualification required advanced assessment skills to determine appropriate investigations, management and care for patients with acute and chronic health needs.

Alison has prepared evidence statements and appeared as a professional witness in court. She has taken appropriate training to ensure she remains CPR Part 35 compliant including "Advanced Report Writing for Experts" and "Giving Evidence in Court for Experts" run by Professional Solutions.