



Miss Philippa White

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Registered and Chartered Physiotherapist. Expert Witness.

Professional Education and Qualifications

2018	Accredited Expert Witness Certificate	Cardiff University Bond Solon
2012	LLM/MA (Merit) Healthcare Law	Salford Law School, University of Salford
2007	Medico-Legal Expert Witness Certificate	Inns of Court School of Law, London
2005	MSc Healthcare Policy & Management	University of Birmingham
2000	MSc Sports Injury & Therapy (Distinction)	Manchester Metropolitan University
1991	BSc (Distinction) Physiotherapy	Sheffield Hallam University

Professional Registrations, Memberships

Health and Care Professions Council	- registered physiotherapist 43269
The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy	- full practising member 51221
Medicolegal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists	- full member

Professional post-registration training

2001	Certificate in spinal manual therapy, <i>Manual & manipulative concepts approach to spinal disorders (taught in UK)</i>	-Curtin Institute, Western Australia
1998	McKenzie Programme Certification <i>Mechanical approach to assessment, diagnosis and treatment of spinal conditions</i>	- McKenzie Institute, UK
1994	Orthopaedic Medicine Membership Exam <i>Manual & manipulative approach to spinal and peripheral musculoskeletal disorders</i>	-Society of Orthopaedic Medicine, UK

Principal Professional Specialisms

- General adult musculoskeletal clinical practice – NHS, private, military contexts. Out-patients/clinic; ward based in-patient orthopaedic physiotherapy including joint replacement; spinal disorders including cauda equina; peripheral conditions.
- Advanced physiotherapy practice – supply, administration and prescribing of medicines, extended scope practice (ESP) and clinical triage services.
- Consent to treatment in physiotherapy services.

Medicolegal Practice Portfolio

- Mixed claimant (70%) and defendant (30%); Breach of Duty, Liability & Causation reports.
- Summary areas of recent instructions include
 - Failure to assess and diagnose, treat appropriately, failure to refer on in musculoskeletal physio practice (in- and out-patient settings), including Cauda Equina Syndrome, shoulder surgery, knee replacements, back pain, neck pain.



- Inappropriate clinical signposting of spinal conditions through musculoskeletal interface services.
- Avoidable falls in hospitals during in-patient and out-patient physiotherapy treatment.

Present Positions

- 2016- Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist – The Woodlands Hospital, Kettering, Northamptonshire.
- Clinical practice across spinal/peripheral orthopaedic pathways in adults (NHS & private)
- 2015 - Partner- Health and Care Professions Council
- Adjudicating on EU and International applications to join UK register of practitioners; determining that UK standards of practise are demonstrated by applicants.
- 2007- Independent Expert Witness – Owner & Director CliffordWhite Medicolegal Ltd
- Clinical negligence physiotherapy cases excluding low value whiplash claims
- 2003- Professional Adviser– The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Practice advice on professional practice; professional governance and regulation
 - Strategic project work with NHS England on medicines and prescribing legislative review.
 - National care standards review project with Royal College of Physicians on hip fracture rehabilitation

Past Career Positions

- 2007-2016 Independent private practice
- Provision of adult musculoskeletal physiotherapy practice and clinical advisory services on an associate basis via private physiotherapy clinics.
 - Clinical adviser on service commissioning and service redesign of musculoskeletal physio services to NHS clinical commissioning groups, and physiotherapy organisations
- 2006-2009+ Specialist Physiotherapist Private Practice; Kettering Physio First
- Adult musculoskeletal services.
- 2004-2008 Extended Scope Practitioner Physiotherapist; Northamptonshire Heartlands PCT
- 2003-2015 Partner – Health and Care Professions Council Fitness to Practise Adjudicator
- 2002-2003 In-patient Physiotherapy Services Manager; Stoke Mandeville Hospital NHS Trust
- Orthopaedics, burns and plastics, neurology, respiratory, elderly care services
- 1995-2002 Head Physiotherapist; Ministry of Defence (RAF Halton)
- Musculoskeletal services in military personnel, general practice for dependants
- 1994-1995 Senior Physiotherapist; Doncaster Royal Infirmary
- Hot and cold orthopaedics, rheumatology, musculoskeletal services
- 1991-2000 Physiotherapist Elite level sport; GB Swim team; England Hockey; GB orienteering
- 1991-1994 Staff Physiotherapist; Northern General Hospital, Sheffield

Research, Podium Presentations and Educational Events

I present regularly at a variety of national and international healthcare organisations and specialist professional network conferences on physiotherapy topics, including American College of Sports Medicines (ACSM), Physiotherapy UK (PUK), World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT), and International Federation of Musculoskeletal Physical Therapists (IFOMPT).



I deliver training events to physiotherapy staff on clinical-negligence aspects of practice. I deliver training event to solicitors on physiotherapy practice that may lead vulnerabilities in practice.

Publications and Editorial Roles

'Consent after Montgomery. What next for healthcare professionals?' Clinical Risk Journal (2016). Vol 22, No 1-2, p33-37

'The physiotherapist and medicinal products.' In: Legal Aspects of Physiotherapy (2nd Ed), Bridgit Dimond (2009), Wiley-Blackwell.

Learning from Litigation Briefings -The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

Pneumothorax and Acupuncture (2016), Burns claims arising from electrotherapy use in physiotherapy (2015), Cauda Equina Syndrome (2014). The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

Professional Practice Guidance Papers - ©The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

GDPR FAQs for Physiotherapists (2018 tbc), Duty to Report (2014), Whistleblowing (2014), Chaperoning (2013), Duty of Care (2013), Practice Guidance for Physiotherapist Prescribers (2013, 2016), Medicines, Prescribing & Physiotherapy (2013, 2016, 2018), Medicines Use and Injection Therapy (2013, 2016), Consent and Physiotherapy Practice (2012, 2016). Expectations of Educational Programmes in Injection Therapy (2011), Scope of Physiotherapy Practice (2008), Standards of Physiotherapy Practice (2005)

Expert Witness Training and Updates.

I completed the Cardiff University Bond Solon Accredited Expert Witness Certificate in Oct 2018. I completed the Inns of Court School of Law Medico-Legal Expert Witness Certificate in 2007.

I have completed the Bond Solon accredited training 'Courtroom Skills', 'Cross-Examination Skills' and 'Experts Meetings' (2016), Civil Procedure Rules Certificate (2017), Excellence in Report Writing (2018), GDPR for Experts (2018).

I joined the Medicolegal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (MLACP) in 2012. I have contributed to the teaching on the annual MLACP introductory and advanced expert witness training courses. I attend the Bond Solon annual Expert Witness conferences. These provide 6 hours of annual CPD covering updates in expert witness practice in civil proceedings (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018).

I am listed on the MLACP, AvMA, Premex+ and NEWA expert witness directories. I am a first Tier APIL expert witness. I am also a trained civil and commercial mediator (London School of Mediation, 2011).

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