

## Expert Profile

# Elizabeth Roger

<b>Profession</b>	Occupational Therapist
<b>Qualifications</b>	Bsc, DipCOT
<b>Specialisms</b>	Paediatrics (particularly Cerebral Palsy) and Young Adults with Congenital Impairment,
<b>Registration</b>	HPCP OT11402

### Introduction

I qualified as an Occupational Therapist from the Grampian School of Occupational Therapy, Aberdeen in 1982. Since then I have had experience of working within a wide variety of treatment settings for statutory and charitable providers of services. I have specialised in the field of paediatrics since 1995 working in community and educational settings with children and young people who have a wide range of physical disabilities, sensory impairment and learning difficulties.

In relation to clinical intervention I currently provide a consultative service to Quest school in Kent, which is a specialised school for children with autistic spectrum disorders and whose teaching methods are based on applied behavioural analysis (ABA) theories of practice as well as working independently with children and their families within Surrey and Kent.

My medico legal work involves the assessment of children who have a variety of congenital and acquired conditions. Each case requires the compilation of comprehensive reports and I liaise with other expert witnesses and legal teams in the preparation of these. I may be called upon to present evidence in court.

I have undertaken significant moving and handling training and was responsible for the delivery of training, related to people handling skills and inanimate object moving and handling, to a staff group of approximately 200 at the Royal London Society for the Blind, whilst working at Dorton House school. I continue to carry out risk assessments, both individual and environmental, and I have completed training in accessibility audits.

I joined Somek and Associates in 1999 and have written many reports on Care and Occupational Therapy needs, as well as Loss of Service and Dependency reports, being instructed by Claimants and Defendants and as a single joint expert. I have carried out assessments in the UK and abroad, including the US, Europe and Trinidad.

I have undergone training in the medico-legal process and am fully aware of my responsibilities under the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) pertaining to Expert Witnesses. In 2008 I became a medico-legal casework supervisor with Somek and Associates and I regularly mentor expert witnesses both in terms of report writing skills and preparation for case conferences, experts meetings and giving evidence in court.

I completed an Expert Witness Certificate through Cardiff University Law School in September 2009.

### Professional Affiliations

British Association of Occupational Therapists

College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Independent Practice

College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Children, Young People and Families

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### Professional Education

- 2009** Expert Witness Certificate, *Cardiff Law School*  
**1999** BSc (Hons) Psychology, *Open University*  
**1995** Foundation in Social Sciences, *Open University*  
**1982** Diploma in Occupational Therapy, *Grampian School of Occupational Therapy*

### Presentations

I am a qualified moving and handling advisor and deliver training on a regular basis to care staff and other professionals.

### Current Employment

*Consultant Occupational Therapist, Independent Practice*

Start: **1999** - End: **Current**

Please see the introduction for details of my current clinical practice.

### Work History

*Senior Occupational Therapist, Royal London Society for the Blind, Dorton House School and College*

Start: **October 2001** - End: **December 2009**

I was employed as an Senior Occupational Therapist working with children and students who have a primary visual impairment, but who also had physical, sensory impairments, autism and learning difficulties. I was involved in assessing and treating children within the nursery, school and college campus. I liaised with staff and families regarding equipment needs, access to educational curriculum, assistive technology and life skills training. I delivered moving and handling training to staff across the campus.

*Head III Occupational Therapist, St Margaret's School, Tadworth*

Start: **May 1997** - End: **January 2000**

I was employed as Head III Occupational Therapist working with children in St Margaret's School. This is a special needs school catering for children who have profound and multiple disabilities between the ages of 8 and 18 years. My duties included introducing a Life Skills curriculum, assessing the needs of the children and providing treatment as well as advice on equipment and special needs seating. I was also involved in training staff regarding manual handling practices and liaison with parents and community services.

*Community Disability Team, Guilford, Community Occupational Therapist*

Start: **October 1995** - End: **May 1997**

I worked as a Community Occupational Therapist working with a varied client group but with a specialism in paediatric cases. Work involved assessment of children and families in their own home with relation to equipment and therapy needs and environmental adaptation.

*Senior I Occupational Therapist, Disability Team, Reigate Services*

Start: **1991** - End: **1993**

*Occupational Therapist, Centre For Visually Impaired Children, Waterloo, Bruxelles*

Start: **1989** - End: **1990**

*Senior II / Senior I Occupational Therapist, Gilmerton Area Disability Team, Edinburgh*

Start: **1983** - End: **1987**

*Basic Grade Occupational Therapist, Queensberry House Hospital, Edinburgh*

Start: **1982** - End: **1983**

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### Courses / Events

I maintain my CPD by attending clinical and other relevant courses throughout the year.

Medico-legal courses attended include:

- 2017 The Real Costs of Case Management - West Country Case Management.
- 2017: Somek & Associates Annual Conference, Somek & Associates
- 2016 Presentation at the OT Show, NEC, Birmingham.
- 2016 Somek & Associates Annual Conference, Somek & Associates
- 2015 Somek & Associates Annual Conference, Somek & Associates
- 2013 Advanced Report Writing for Care Experts, Somek & Associates
- 2013 Courtroom Skills, Bond Solon
- 2011 Miscellaneous Aspects of the Medico Legal Process - The Barrister View, Somek and Associates
- 2011 The Actual Costs of Case Management, Somek and Associates / Independent Living Solutions
- 2010 Medico-Legal Workshop for Care / Occupational therapy Expert Witnesses, Somek and Associates / Irwin Mitchell
- 2009 Care & case management; How much & why? A day for care experts, BABICM
- 2009 College of Occupational Therapists, Medico-Legal Forum, Annual Conference
- 2006 Medico-Legal Workshop for Advanced Practitioners, Somek and Associates
- 2001 Introduction to Medico-Legal Practice & Report Writing, Somek and Associates

Other courses include:

- 2014 It takes two?- Exploring the manual handling myth, HFH Consulting