

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFILE

I currently work as a midwife consultant.

I have undertaken many senior midwifery posts and work clinically as a midwife within the NHS. I have over 30 years experience in general nursing, midwifery practice/ management and education. I have held various senior management and educational posts, primarily in midwifery within the NHS and in higher education in London and the Home Counties. I work for the Health Ombudsman and am a midwife expert.

Most recently I have held Head of Midwifery posts in London and the Home Counties. I have worked in Trusts in both acute hospital and in the community setting, where I have been responsible for large teams of midwives, midwifery practice, standards of maternity care whilst leading the risk management process. I have undertaken service review project work as a midwife consultant within maternity services.

RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Registered General Nurse
- Registered Midwife
- Advanced Diploma in Midwifery
- King's Fund Leadership Programme
- Supervisor of Midwives
- Post Graduate Certificate in Education of Adults (PGCEA)
- MSc. Advanced Midwifery Practice
- Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate from the University of Cardiff.

Expert witness with specialist knowledge of:-

- Midwifery practice, standards and management
- Midwifery training at all levels
- Clinical risk management and health & safety practices
- Clinical negligence investigation and management
- Reviewing practice and policy documentation
- Service and quality management

RELEVANT SKILLS

During my career of over 30 years, I have experience of nursing and midwifery practice and senior education and senior management within different settings. My skills include:

- Excellent communication
- Report writing
- Quality and risk management
- Midwifery education & training and Curriculum development
- Analytical skills/critical evaluation
- Strategic thinking and organisational skills
- Manpower planning and management

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2014-Present	Midwife Consultancy & Midwife Expert on legal cases.
2014- Present	Associate Midwife Clinician, Health Ombudsman, UK
2011-2014	Associate Director of Midwifery, Ashford & St Peters NHS Foundation Trust Hospital
2008 – 2011	Head of Midwifery Neonatal Services Manager, Basingstoke & North Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust Hospital
2006 – Present	Midwife Practitioner, St George’s NHS Healthcare Trust Hospital
2005 – 2006	Deputy Director of Midwifery & Nursing, Milton Keynes NHS Trust Hospital
2004 – 2005	Associate Director of Maternity & Children’s Commissioning, Hertfordshire NHS Trust
2003-2004	Head of Midwifery /Maternity Project, Consultancy, Welwyn Garden City & Stevenage NHS Hospital Trust
2001- 2003	Midwifery Manager for Integrated Teams & Community, Guys’ & St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust Hospital
2000-2001	Professional Head of Midwifery, Royal Free NHS Hospital

1996-2000

Director of Midwifery Studies/Lecturer, University of Surrey

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Presented at various midwifery conferences in UK & abroad.
- Written for publication in professional journals
- Worked on a voluntary midwifery project abroad to improve care in a developing country
- Nursing & Midwifery Council practice audits
- Supervision of Midwife midwifery practice activities
- Kings Fund leadership activities in UK & Abroad
- Involved in many maternity projects and forums over many years at local and strategic levels
- Maternity Project Consultancy to review maternity services

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Royal College of Midwives
- Nursing and Midwifery Council