



CAROLYN HUNNISETT

LLB(HONS), MSc., PGDIP IN ADVOCACY & BVC STUDIES, PGDIP IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

INDEPENDENT MENTAL CAPACITY ASSESSOR, NHS CHC EXPERT, AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

EXPERT INFORMATION

HCPC No: OT61076

Claimant age: All

Report turnaround 4 weeks

Face to face (preferred)

Remote appointments

Home visits

Prison visits

Court experience (Non-practicing Barrister)

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CURRENT ROLE:

Independent Mental Capacity Assessor & Expert in NHS CHC

Conducting Independent Mental Capacity assessments for legal professionals. Providing assessments and reports for LPA's, Statutory Wills and Deputyship applications. Providing expert advice, training and representation at NHS CHC local and national hearings.

(December 2017 - Present)

CASES RELATING TO:

- Mini mental capacity assessments
- Supporting independence
- Testamentary capacity assessments
- NHS Care reviews
- Advice on appeal
- COP3 (Court of Protection) assessments
- Revocation of LPA (Lasting Power of Attorney)
- MCA (Mental capacity assessment)
- NHS CHC (continuing healthcare) opinion
- Codicile mental capacity assessments (changes or alternations to an existing will)
- Care plans
- Advocacy and representation at all stages of the NHS CHC process

MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Carolyn Hunnisett is a Mental Capacity Assessor, NHS CHC expert, and Occupational Therapist. She is instructed by Claimants and Defendants in personal injury, clinical negligence and care-related cases.

Uniquely, Carolyn is dual qualified in health and law: Law degree, Called to the bar, (2002), MSc. in Health perspectives on the Mental Capacity Act, Pg. dip in Advocacy and Pg. dip in Occupational therapy.

With her combined expertise in health and law, she not only has the insight required to understand a person's health, but also how best to ensure the law is followed to achieve what is needed.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Carolyn is a highly experienced Independent Mental Capacity Assessor and NHS CHC expert. With over 20 years of experience in NHS CHC cases, Carolyn has made significant contributions to the field.

She established an independent advice service at Age Concern Oxfordshire, where in addition to successfully representing many clients, she: was a member of the Ombudsman Management Group;

wrote a report for the Health Select Committee; and would meet with the Ombudsman Management Group to detail her experiences of hundreds of cases.


In her role as Advocacy Service Manager, Carolyn actively participated in the consultation process of the Mental Capacity Act, advocating for the needs of carers and the elderly. As an Occupational Therapist, she has provided training and support to individuals with various health conditions, such as strokes, neurological conditions, dementia, and psychiatric conditions.

As a Community Care lawyer, Carolyn specialised in NHS CHC advice, advocacy, and representation at the NHS England stage. She has authored a Lexis Nexus article on the Care Act and developed a legal charter for an Art Disability organisation.

Carolyn's dual qualification in health and law enables her to understand her clients' health needs and navigate the legal framework effectively. Her professional clients appreciate her tenacity, thorough health analysis, confident recommendations, and ability to handle complex cases promptly.

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