



# MS KAREN KENNEDY

REGISTERED MIDWIFE

RM, MSc

NMC PIN: 93C2769E

Clinical Care Specialist  
(From 1996)



## EXPERT INFORMATION

### SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Patient safety
- Risk management
- Clinical governance

### CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: All

Clinical assessments  
Remote assessments  
Home visits  
Prison visits  
Criminal cases  
Screening reports  
Desktop reports  
Family cases



### SCAN ME



## EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT 80%  
DEFENDANT 20%



CLIN NEG 100%

Reporting writing (yrs)

3+

\*CN reports annually

80

0 20 40 60 80

\*Annual report from 2024

## VENUES:



Remote

## FURTHER INFO:

Court experience  
Bond Solon trained  
Legal aid (LAA)  
Personal Injury  
Clinical Negligence:

- Causation
- Liability
- Breach of Duty
- Condition & Prognosis



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## CASES RELATING TO:

- Intrapartum stillbirths (when a baby dies during labour)
- Early neonatal deaths (within the first six days of life)
- Cardiotocography (CTG) misinterpretation
- Unrecognised antepartum haemorrhage (including placental abruption)
- Development of pressure ulcers (particularly in mothers with a BMI of greater than 30 and in epidural labour)
- Undiagnosed third-degree perineal tears
- Retained placental tissue resulting in secondary postpartum haemorrhage
- Failure to recognise the significance of slow insidious vaginal bleeding within 24 hours of birth
- Failure to identify high-risk pregnancy
- Failure to detect fetal distress
- Delays in recognising life threatening sepsis
- Hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy (HIE)
- Amniotic fluid embolism (AFE)
- Cerebral palsy
- Brachial plexus injury (e.g. Erb's palsy)
- Untreated jaundice
- Errors in medication or treatment (e.g. oxytocin, misoprostol)
- Failure to recognise or respond to complications (such as fetal distress, pre-eclampsia or eclampsia)
- Delayed referral to obstetrician or hospital
- Inadequate documentation or informed consent

## MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Ms Kennedy is a Registered Midwife with a strong background in decision making, team leadership and managing high-pressure situations. She specialises in all aspects of midwifery care with extended expertise in patient safety, clinical governance, risk management and quality assurance within maternity services.

As an expert witness, Ms Kennedy brings detailed insight and professional analysis to a wide range of complex maternity cases. She is skilled in evaluating clinical facts, considering human factors and applying her specialised midwifery knowledge to assess adherence to professional standards.

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She produces breach of duty reports used in court proceedings, mediation for NHS Resolution (NHSR). She also prepares screening reports for initial case assessments.

Ms Kennedy regularly provides expert opinion for the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in investigations and fitness to practise cases, ensuring clarity around professional standards and clinical conduct. She explains standards of care in an accessible and evidence based manner to assist courts, legal teams and regulators in understanding complex maternity issues.

Ms Kennedy has over three years of experience as an expert witness. She has completed the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate, which includes courtroom skills training. She is instructed by both Claimants and Defendants in clinical negligence cases. Her reports are thorough, balanced and based on current guidelines and best practice in midwifery care.

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Ms Kennedy is a highly experienced Registered Midwife with over 30 years of clinical practice across hospital and community settings. Known for her dedicated, compassionate and evidence based approach, she has supported women and their families through the most significant moments of their lives, providing holistic and safe maternity care. Her clinical background includes: high-risk labour management, team leadership in fast paced environments, multidisciplinary coordination, accurate documentation and early recognition of complications.

In 2020, Ms Kennedy transitioned into the role of Patient Safety Quality & Governance Specialist, expanding her expertise to include incident investigation, risk analysis and quality improvement. She leads in depth reviews of clinical incidents and produces comprehensive reports with practical recommendations to prevent recurrence and improve care delivery.

She is Health Services Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB) Level 2 Safety Investigation certified, demonstrating her capability in systems based approaches to learning from patient safety incidents. Her work is grounded in a deep understanding of human factors, clinical systems and the importance of continuous learning in maternity services. Ms Kennedy's area of specialist knowledge include: quality and safety improvement, risk management, clinical governance and strategic maternity service development.

Ms Kennedy brings together clinical credibility, strategic insight and investigative expertise. Her work is informed by a commitment to patient safety, high standards of care and supporting legal and regulatory understanding of complex maternity issues. Her strong leadership has a proven track record in service improvement and a proactive systems based mindset, which continues to make a meaningful contribution to maternity safety and professional accountability.

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