

## Sally Wilkinson

Head of Case Management  
& Expert Witness

Based in: Tadcaster, North Yorkshire  
Expert Witness Coverage: Nationwide



### Areas of expertise

Adults & older adults  
Acquired brain injury  
Spinal cord injury  
Complex orthopaedic injury  
Amputations  
Mental health conditions  
PDOC  
Epilepsy  
Stroke  
Dementia  
Mesothelioma  
Degenerative conditions  
Challenging behaviour  
SEN / EHCP  
Benefits and appeals  
Securing statutory funding  
Forensic cases  
Intensive rehabilitation  
**Expert witness – care and case management**

### Qualifications

Registered General Nurse  
Registered Mental Health Nurse, 1987  
Diploma Professional Nursing Studies, 1993  
BSc Community Nursing Studies, 1993  
ENB (913) Certificate in Rehabilitation Nursing, 1990  
Certificate in Counselling

### Memberships & registrations

British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM) - Advanced member  
Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)  
Royal College of Nursing (RCN)  
BABICM Training & Events group  
Case Management Society UK (CMSUK)



### Profile

Sally is a dual registered general and mental health nurse, with extensive experience working in both inpatient settings and in the community, in a range of different roles. For the past 30 years she has specialised in neurorehabilitation, working with clients with complex neurological conditions and injuries.

Since 2008, Sally has worked in case management, both as a practicing case manager and a manager. During her time in case management, Sally has continued to develop her expertise in neurorehabilitation and the medico-legal field, working alongside claimant and defendant legal professionals and multi-disciplinary clinical teams to support clients and families following catastrophic injuries, including brain and spinal injury. She has experience of supporting clients with the psychological issues which arise as a result of the trauma they have experienced and the life changing consequences of their injuries both for the individuals themselves and their families and friends.

She also has a special interest in palliative care and degenerative conditions and illnesses.

Sally has extensive experience as an expert witness, providing Immediate Needs Assessments and Part 35 care expert reports for the Court. She has also given evidence as a witness of fact in Court and before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority panel.

Sally has prepared expert witness reports for -

- Care, case management and rehabilitation
- Nursing care
- Serious injury
- Medical negligence
- Mesothelioma

Sally is available for expert witness instruction from claimants and defendants throughout the UK. She has experience of working within the legal systems of England, Wales and Scotland.

To discuss a referral or for more information, please contact A Chance for Life Ltd

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## Professional Experience

In her past roles, Sally managed specialist units at Chapel Allerton Hospital and St Mary's Hospital, Leeds, for people with complex neurological conditions. She then joined the Leeds Head Injury Team to develop the post of family specialist, supporting and providing education for individuals and their families post-injury, to ease the transition to life at home and in the community.

Sally went on to take a position as client liaison manager at a leading national legal firm, combining her skills and experience in brain injury rehabilitation with an interest in the medico-legal field. In this role, Sally worked closely with neuro trauma teams, carrying out assessments of need and ensuring a coordinated and consistent approach to clients' ongoing rehabilitation, managing the smooth transition to case management services where appropriate.

In 2008, Sally joined case management company JS Parker Ltd, as regional manager of the adult case management service in Sheffield, leading a team of 14 case managers with wide-ranging, complex caseloads. In 2013, Sally was promoted to director of case management services, and in 2015, to clinical director, providing clinical direction and leadership for the company's case management and occupational therapy services. She also led the expert service, supervising and developing expert witnesses in the team.

### Current Role

Jan 2023 - current      Head of Case Management & Expert Witness, A Chance for Life Ltd

In her current role, Sally leads A Chance for Life Ltd's case management team, overseeing clinical practice, providing guidance and supervision to lead case managers and guiding the development of the service. Sally also heads up our growing expert witness service, providing expert witness reports herself, across the UK, and mentoring members of the team who are keen to develop their expert witness skills.

Sally continues to hold a small caseload of case management clients.

### Professional Pathway

2015 - 2022	Clinical Director, JS Parker Ltd
2013 - 2015	Director of Case Management Services, JS Parker Ltd
2008 - 2013	Regional Manager, JS Parker Ltd - Sheffield
2004 - 2008	Client Liaison Manager, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors
2005 - 2008	Chair, Headway Leeds
2000 - 2003	Counsellor, Relate - Leeds
1996 - 2005	Committee Member, Headway Leeds
1988 - 1996	Ward Sister, Leeds Younger Disabled Unit / Community Rehabilitation Unit
1987 - 1989	Post registration nurse training / Registered Mental Health Nurse, St James's University Hospital, Leeds
1986 - 1987	Senior Sister, Care of Elderly Unit, St James's University Hospital
1985 - 1986	Staff Nurse, Care of the Elderly (General Medical) Unit, St James's University Hospital
1984 - 1985	Junior Staff Nurse, Stroke Rehabilitation Unit (65 plus), St James's University Hospital
1981 - 1984	Student Nurse, St James's University Hospital

**Sally's recent training record is available on request.**