

CURRICULUM VITAE



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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Registered General Nurse - Sheffield School of Nursing	1986
Care of the premature/sick newborn - Sheffield School of Nursing	1988
Registered Sick Children's Nurse - Sheffield School of Nursing	1990
MA Medical Ethics & Law - Keele University	2003

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

NMC (Nursing & Midwifery Council)
RCN (Royal College of Nursing)
BABICM (British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers)
CMSUK (Case Management Society UK)
SIA (Spinal Injuries Association)



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Donna Ball qualified as a Registered General Nurse in 1986. During her training she gained experience in a multitude of areas including Accident and Emergency, Oncology, Urology, neurology both medical and surgical and adult rehabilitation. She went on to undertake further training and obtain qualifications in care of the premature/sick newborn and Registered Sick Children's Nursing,

She obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Medical Ethics & Law from Keele University Staffordshire in 2003.

Donna is registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council and The Royal College of Nursing.

Donna has more than 30 year's hands on experience within the nursing profession, working within the National Health Service, Private, Community and Military Sectors.

Commencing employment as a staff nurse in 1986, she provided nursing care within the NHS to adults with general medical and renal complications.

Donna completed a Cruise Counselling Course and actively supported clients through the bereavement process assisting them in re engaging with their daily lives.

Between 1987 and 1995, Donna worked in Neonatal Intensive Care being responsible for neonates of 24 week's gestation and above and their families. She provided specialist care for the premature and the sick neonate.



In 1995 Donna side stepped into the private sector and staffed for three years within a Children's Hospice Setting caring for infants, teenagers and young adults with life limiting illness. During this time 6 months were spent acting up into the position of Nurse Manager. The Hospice was a place where life limited children/young adults and their families could take a break from life's worries and heartaches.

Donna states she was part of an incredible team who helped relieve people's symptoms, improved quality of life and supported families through the darkest of bereavements and cared for children/young adults until the end. Hope and Happiness was brought to these children/young adults and their families.

In 1998 Donna returned to the NHS and to the role of Neonatal Nursing. She quickly rose through the ranks and became a sister within a hospital in the North of England, working for seven years leading a team of nurses and also carrying out the role of Community Neonatal Sister helping families to cope with the transfer of small vulnerable infants to the home environment overseeing their health and development.

2006 saw Donna transferring back into the private sector, working for a Nursing Agency which specialized in providing complex care. Amongst many clients that Donna cared for was a young boy who had been born prematurely with a very rare syndrome which resulted in numerous physical and developmental problems. As a result, he required round the clock care. Donna was responsible for planning and organizing his care regime which included tracheostomy care, gastrostomy feeding and support of his family and extended care team over a period of 15 months in order to help improve his social and developmental skills.



Donna also cared for a young gentleman who was involved in a motorbike accident which resulted in him becoming tetraplegic. As a result her client required 24 hour care within his home environment. Donna was part of a team responsible for planning and organizing his care which included all aspects of daily living. Assisted feeding, Care of a supra-pubic catheter, bowel care including manual evacuation. Frequent episodes of autonomic dysreflexia required Donna to act immediately, efficiently and calmly in order to locate the stimulus and remove and provide appropriate treatment. She also played a major role in the consideration of her client's emotional and psychological aspects, understanding his needs in order to provide the best level of care necessary for health and happiness.

In June of 2007 Donna transferred to a Global Nursing Agency who gave her the opportunity of being based within the Royal Naval Hospital in Gibraltar where she cared for Military Personnel including the Gibraltar Regiment, members of the British Army, Navy and Royal Air force as well as their families including their spouses and their children. Donna participated in the closing ceremony of the last functioning Naval Hospital.

After a further spell on Guernsey Donna returned home to the United Kingdom where she continued to specialize in Adults, Children and Neonates both within a Hospital setting and the Community, nursing from the acutely ill to those living with long term complex conditions.

Donna's interest in Complex Care led to her branching out into the role of Nurse Consultant within Complex Care in 2015.



Her role consisted of providing high quality care to adult and pediatric Clients with a range of Complex Health Care Needs within their home environment. Complex Health Needs ranged from traumatic spinal cord injury and brain injury, degenerative conditions including Huntington's, multiple sclerosis and motor neurone disease, birth injuries and congenital diseases.

Donna provided packages that supported the health, developmental, social and spiritual needs enabling her clients to reach their full potential and to maintain an optimum quality of life.

Her expertise extends to working alongside Multi-Disciplinary Teams assessing and developing Complex Care Packages, creating care plans and risk assessments, sourcing, inducting and training care teams, ensuring competencies are met in order to support the clients individual and specific needs. Assisting families to ensure an optimum standard of care was put in place for their loved ones.

For most people a highly demanding healthcare career would leave little time for anything else but Donna's interest in Medical Ethics and Law led her to study for a Master's Degree at Keele University.

Donna also served as a member of the Derbyshire Medical Ethics Committee for several years protecting the interests of patients and addressing moral issues also reviewing hospital policies and procedures for potential problems.

Her Interest in Medical Ethics and Law has now further progressed to working within a legal team preparing Nursing Liability and Quantum Care Reports.



Donna now combines her clinical nursing role with her work at Tania Brown Limited as a Case Manager working with both adult and child clients with complex brain and spinal cord injuries.

She has a specialist interest in adults and children with degenerative conditions, birth traumas and traumatic injury.

Donna's extensive knowledge of working with adults/neonates/pediatrics enables her to facilitate effective rehabilitation programs for her clients empowering them to achieve their own specific goals.

Donna continues to maintain her Nursing Registration and attends regular study days. She is extremely passionate about remaining up to date within clinical care and therefore continues to provide hands on care to adults and pediatrics within a hospital and a community setting. Donna regularly networks with clinical and legal professionals.

In addition to providing Case Management Services Donna's nursing background allows her to provide Complex Teaching Packages, Clinical Training and Competency sign offs for support workers caring for clients with Complex Care Requirements empowering them with the appropriate knowledge and skills for them to carry out their roles confidently and competently.

Donna is a reliable and responsible part of the team her extensive knowledge and Experience is invaluable. As a well-organized, highly motivated enthusiastic individual she has thrived on the challenges presented to her and always welcomes an opportunity to continue to further develop and progress in her career.