

ARCOS

The Association for Rehabilitation of
Communication and Oral Skills

**EXPERT WITNESS
SERVICE**

Our Expert Witness service

ARCOS has a well-established Expert Witness service, helping to ensure that people receive the individual support they need.

What do we offer?

Our prompt and comprehensive service includes assessment, report writing, recommendations, and costings, for personal injury, medical negligence, and education provision cases.

Our service covers assessment of clients' needs for:

- speech and language therapy
- physiotherapy
- occupational therapy
- occupational psychology
- training for carers/personal assistants in therapeutic handling and communication
- equipment relevant to these areas

Our service includes:

- Client assessment either at the ARCOS Centre, Malvern, Worcestershire, or home visits arranged throughout the UK
- Costings for appropriate provision
- Attendance at case conferences, telephone conferencing, Court attendance

Our Expert Witness team

Our therapists are experienced clinicians who are state registered and active members of their professional bodies. Every therapist in the ARCOS Expert Witness Service has attained recognised qualifications in their area of speciality, which include:

- developmental conditions, including cerebral palsy
- acquired traumatic brain injury (children and adults)
- language disorders including dysphasia
- swallowing (dysphagia)
- sensory and perceptual disorders
- dysarthria
- voice problems (aphonia/dysphonia)
- alternative communication (AAC), including signing
- providing, co-ordinating, and evaluating therapy to demonstrate client's response to intervention
- carer training

Why ARCOS?

We are a collaborative organisation with specialists in the assessment, treatment, and management of communication and associated difficulties encountered in neurological disorders. In addition to ARCOS therapists, a number of experts provide additional advice, information and assessment as appropriate.

Staff have extensive experience of expert witness assessment and report for speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy.

Our therapists are experienced and have recognised qualifications in treatment of sensory motor problems caused by developmental and acquired neurological disorders. We keep up with the latest developments in legislation and can arrange workshops and training sessions with our specialist contacts, such as Boys Turner Solicitors.

We also have a close working relationship with the Ann Craft Trust, who specialise in safeguarding consultation and advice for children and young people.

We can carry out home visits on request to carry out assessments and comprehensive reports will be produced and shared.

ARCOS is registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council and is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, ISAAC (International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication), and Communication Matters, the UK arm of ISAAC.

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