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Sian Brown leads our specialist early maternity team. She is a recognised expert in maternity cases, with extensive experience of managing complex, high-value and high-profile maternity claims as well as supporting the NHS and its staff following devastating maternity incidents, including where mothers or babies have died, or where women have suffered severe injuries as a result of childbirth.

Sian's team focuses primarily on supporting the work carried out by NHS Resolution's Early Notification (EN) Scheme. This is an innovative national programme for improving safety in maternity care through the early investigation of maternity incidents where babies are born with a potentially severe brain injury. Through her involvement in the EN scheme since its inception, including a long-term secondment with the NHS Resolution EN team, she has been involved in helping to drive improvements for both families and Trusts.

Sian has a particular interest in working with Trusts to improve maternity safety, having previous experience of working within an NHS Trust to improve patient safety. She regularly supports Trusts with their maternity quality improvement work, arranges collaboration events to share learning between Trusts, provides quality assurance for Boards, and delivers training on maternity-related topics such as consent and maternal choice.

Sian is a keen advocate for collaboration and ADR, having handled many high-profile and extremely sensitive mediations including one of the first mediations in an early notification case, and mediations focusing solely on providing reassurance on lessons learned.

Expertise

Health

Social care

Testimonials

"She is someone you can trust to give an unflinching opinion, which is really valuable. When it comes to tackling a challenge, she sees the wider picture and understands what we are trying to achieve."

"Sian is one of those rare people who is incredibly knowledgeable and experienced and at the same time very approachable and modest. Despite the extent of her legal knowledge, she retains a keen empathy for patients/families and clinicians and keeps them at the heart of her legal advice."

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