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Jacqui joined us as our national Head of Employment Healthcare in June 2018. She joined the firm having previously spent 10 years establishing and heading up the Capsticks employment team in Birmingham and wanted to move to a practice which would be ready to meet the changing demands of the NHS as it continues to transform itself into system working and integrated healthcare systems.

Jacqui has over 20 years' experience in advising Trust Boards and senior NHS managers on employment issues in the health and care sector. In the last year Jacqui has provided thought leadership on many key workforce issues arising out of Covid-19 and has helped to support healthcare clients to support them as the system transformed to become flexible and agile to meet the demands of Covid 19. This has included supporting CCGs and NHS Trusts in sharing the workforce across the NHS and from the private sector. From a very early stage Jacqui was instrumental in setting up a Covid-19 information hub for clients and delivering webinars nationally on key issues to support the sector with one of the most challenging periods in the history of the NHS.

The expanding employment healthcare practice now comprises a client base which ranges from CCGs, Provider organisations, care homes, dental and GP practices and independent healthcare hospitals. This enables us to provide employment expertise, policy advice and thought leadership which reflects our thorough understanding of the healthcare system as a whole.

Jacqui has built up a strong reputation for her strategic advice, tactics and expertise in advising Trusts on a whole range of employment issues. She is known within the region as the go to lawyer for managing Doctors performance, conduct and capability issues.

Testimonials

"Jacqui Atkinson – I have built up a very good client relationship with Jacqui over the years. I find Jacqui very responsive and knowledgeable and she provides her advice pragmatically to fit the situation. I am confident in the advice Jacqui provides and Jacqui is always my go to person when I require legal advice."

Legal 500 2022 ,

"Jacqui Atkinson has in-depth knowledge of the healthcare sector. She provides pragmatic advice to clients and advises very well on tricky doctor issues."

Legal 500 2021,

"Jacqui Atkinson is described by a peer as "tough, fair and very technical, I have a lot of respect for her." She has a broad practice but has particular strength in the health and social care sectors."

Chambers 2020 ,