

# Working Solutions

## Monday

**Stream A**  
**Session 1**  
1145– 1230  
**Session 2**  
1500– 1545

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**“Safe Systems of Work: It’s all in the detail - Experiences of a moving and handling expert witness”**

**This Theory session is aimed at Adult Care in an Acute setting at Novice Trainers**

### **Biography:**

Elizabeth is an Independent Chartered Physiotherapist and freelance Moving and Handling Advisor. She works mainly in community settings, with adults and children, carrying out detailed manual handling risk assessments and delivering tailored training. Elizabeth also works as an expert witness, providing solicitors with reports on causation and liability issues and also on quantum.

### **Abstract:**

The presentation will examine the role of the expert witness in manual handling cases of all types: causation and liability, quantum and criminal.  
We will consider scenarios based on real legal cases involving common issues such as delegating to others and mobilising plus-size people.  
We will identify what went wrong and reflect on what we can learn for our own day to day practice.

### **Objectives:**

Delegates will be able to...  
Describe the role of an expert witness in moving and handling and list the type of cases where an expert witness might be instructed  
Identify the lessons to be learnt from a number of legal cases  
Reflect on their own work and identify any areas needing improvement