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## SIMON DUFFY R.I.B.A

Architect | Expert Witness

- BA. (HONS) Architecture
- Dip (Arch)
- Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate for Civil Experts

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### Professional Memberships

Royal Institute of British Architects | Chartered Member  
Architects Registration Board | Registered Member  
Expert Witness Institute | Individual Member

### Membership No.

6267655  
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### Areas of Expertise

I am proficient in the design of special needs housing for the elderly and physically disabled and those with learning difficulties.

I have been involved with clients with special needs since 1996 and my experience includes accommodation for people with Autism, Neighbourhood Resource Centres for adults with learning difficulties, Primary Health Care Centres, GP Surgeries and Residential Care Homes.

### Instructions & Reports

- Approximate number of reports written	250+
- Average number of new instructions received per year	55+
- Number of Court appearances	2
- Claimant Instructions	37%
- Defendant Instructions	60%
- Joint Instructions	3%

### Scope of Work

My health care experience requires an understanding of people with disabilities, the built environments in which they function, and the design standards required. I am an Expert Witness on the accommodation needs of seriously disabled people. I receive instructions from instructing solicitors in a ratio of 60% Defendant (including the NHSLA) and 37% Claimant with the balance being undertaken as joint instructions.

I have worked on cases in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Isle of Scilly, Jersey and Guernsey on a diverse range of disabilities including but not exclusively: amputations, wrongful births, hypoxic brain injuries, cerebral palsy, cauda equina, quadriplegia, myopia and blindness, neurological problems, bowel problems, road traffic accidents, insurance claims, military claims and very sad cases of persistent vegetative state.

## **Architectural Experience**

Having qualified in 1996, I have specialised in the health sector for over 20 years designing buildings used specifically by people with disabilities. I have received an award for my work designing a resource centre for people with severe learning difficulties and Autism.

As an Architect I was involved with the new GP commissioning board in Bracknell and was instrumental in successfully pioneering the design of one of the first primary health care buildings commissioned through the new PCT structure as a prelude to the abolition of PCTs in April 2013. I have been involved with building procurement through Local Improvement Finance Trusts (LIFT), third party development (3PD) and private ownership working alongside PCT's, local authorities and GP's.

I have published a number of articles on design for the elderly and disabled in the Expert Witness Journal. I continue to be involved in the design, construction and adaptation of buildings for adults and children with disabilities acting as project architect.

I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute having successfully completed the Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Civil Expert Certificate; this includes training in excellence in report writing, Courtroom skills, cross examination and Civil Law & Procedure

