

The Expert Witness Workforce 2026

Key insights from EWI's Workforce Mapping Research



1. Market Size



Estimated

31,000

people in the UK undertaking Expert Witness work



7,500

REGULAR

(undertake expert witness work regularly)



23,500

INFREQUENT

(undertake expert witness work infrequently)

2. Discipline Breakdown



40%

Specialist Medical



12%

Construction and Building



11%

Occupational Therapy and Psychologists

Other key groups: Medical (Other) 6%, Engineering 6%, Finance 6%, Nursing 5%

3. Experience



over **50%**

have worked as Expert Witnesses for over 15 years

4. Caseload



30%

complete 100 or more cases per year

Average number cases per year

60

5. Rates



77%

charge between £100 and £400 per hour

6. Training



- **49%** completed training in law for experts, report writing and expert discussions
- **11%** have undertaken no training in key competencies
- **52%** of those undertaking single joint expert work have completed training for the role

7. Demographics



24%

are female but the balance is increasing in younger age groups



33%

are over 65 and have worked as Expert Witnesses for 10+ years



86%

are from a white background



6%

identify as having a disability. More work is needed to understand needs



EWI will repeat this research again to refine the model, develop understanding, and monitor changes in the workforce