



Jane Rogers, retired solicitor and director at Moss Rose Cottage.

Until recently I was working as a solicitor representing clients who suffered catastrophic injury as a result of alleged medical negligence. I have specialised in this type of law for more than 30 years acting for people often made vulnerable in society due to the nature of the injuries they sustained.

I made it my mission to help those people to live their best possible life.

Prior to qualifying as a solicitor I worked within the NHS in an interventional cardiology team.

As a solicitor, part of my work involved signposting people to other individuals and organisations that could help them achieve their dreams and goals. I have built up a large network of contacts and I am now looking forward to being more hands on, rather than referring on. I will certainly be calling on people in my network to help colleagues at Moss Rose Cottage (for things that are outside my areas of knowledge).

As an employer (in law firms) I knew that there was a wealth of untapped/undiscovered skills and knowledge within each workplace and I sought to develop those strengths and encourage people to share.

I hold the same views for Moss Rose Cottage.

I am passionate about training, mentoring and quality assurance. In 1996 in my first senior role in London I was tasked with obtaining ISO9001 for the firm. We were one of the first law firms to achieve quality accreditation. At every subsequent firm I played an active role in achieving and maintaining such accreditation.

I agreed to become involved in Moss Rose Cottage because I have known the Hurley family for almost 20 years and I was delighted that Emily has made her dream of helping others with invisible injuries thrive and turn “I can’t” into yes “I can”.

It is a unique and amazing concept for her to have founded an organisation akin to a workplace so that people with hidden disabilities will feel valued in society. They will have lots to offer.

My hope is that in future Moss Rose Cottage will be a recognised centre of well-being and will set a precedent for alternative ways to give meaning to the lives of those with serious lifelong

injuries and to those who know them.

Everyone deserves the very best chance to live a fulfilling and happy life with support if that is needed.

I am looking forward to sharing my skills as a lawyer and also my personal practical skills. Anyone up for walking and talking, sewing or a knit and natter session? I'm sure there must be other things I can offer too!

More importantly, I'm looking forward to learning new skills.