



Curriculum Vitae

198 Dodworth Road, Barnsley S70 6PE

Tel: 0845 331 3304

GMC/MDU/ICO/Medco 3261019/218679H/ZA022277/DME35

Work:

- 1995 to 2004 General Practitioner Principal at Rotherham Road Medical Centre in Barnsley.
- 1997 to 2004 Out of hours with Primecare.
- 2000 to 2001 GUM in Huddersfield.
- 2001 to 2004 Medical tutor.
- 2005 to 2011 Locum GP.
- 2011 to 2014 Disability Analyst.
- 2000 to present PI Medico-legal examiner.
- 2010 to present Medical/Clinical Negligence Expert
- 2016 to present Criminal/Family/Asylum expert.

Training:

- 1992 to 1995 Vocational training (in Pontefract), including Ob's and Gynae, Paediatrics, General Medicine, Psychiatry and two GP attachments.
- 1989 to 1992 ENT (Leeds), A and E (Huddersfield), General Medicine (Scunthorpe), Oncology (Hull), Locum (Leeds) House jobs in Dewsbury and Hull followed by a year in Brazil.
- 1981 to 1987 Oxford University Medical School.

Postgraduate Qualifications:

- December 1994 MRCGP
- August 1993 DCH
- June 1987 BM BCh (oxon)
- June 1984 BA Hons
- 1991 Common Professional Examination
- 1999 Diploma Medical Ethics
- May 2011 Cert CPR for expert witnesses.
- 2015 Cardiff Law School Foundation Certificate

Areas of Expertise

I keep up to date with medical advances and expert work in Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence and Disability analysis.

I have attended sessions in court skills, advanced medico-legal report skills, assessing low velocity impacts (LVI) and Clinical Negligence.

I have written disability reports for the Family Court, Criminal Cases, Alcohol, Employment law and Life Expectancy.

I have written over 500 screening reports for clinical negligence to reduce disbursements and ensure that the solicitor stays in control.

I have written 25 Litigants in person (LiP) reports and have one reported LiP case.

I have four reported cases on BAILLI and many published articles.

I have attended 21 joint conferences.

I have attended court for a LVI PI case in 2011.

I have attended a GMC hearing as a GP expert in 2015.

I have attended coroner court on two occasions as a GP expert in 2016 and 2017.

I have attended court on an alcohol case and a historic sex case.

Personal Injury reports

I have been working as a Medical-Legal expert and produced medical-legal reports regularly since 2000.

Annually I produce about 800 reports for personal injury claims and reply to questions raised on about 100.

Over 90% of these reports are for road traffic accident, others are accidents at work or slip/trip.

The ratio of work is:
10% defendant
60% claimant
30% joint instruction.

Quality of Medical Reports.

I have written a book The Art of Personal Injury Report Writing published August 26, 2021

I have written articles on various aspects of personal injury report writing in PI Brief Update Law Journal and Xperta insights.

I have performed independent audits on medical reports for personal injury since 2018.

These audits are provided for agencies, solicitors and individual PI experts.

The audits assess compliance with CPR35, fitness for purpose and explain how to improve the reports.

I have published the results of these audits in an article Medical Expert Report Audit (MERA): Opening the Black Box on www.pibriefupdate.com

Low Velocity Impacts

I have experience of the effects of road traffic accidents on claimants with unusual spinal susceptibility such as pre-existing postural problems, hypermobility, osteoarthritis, previous injury or surgery.

I am aware of the importance of vitamin D deficiency in the muscular skeletal system. (NICE guidelines [PH56] Published date: November 2014).

I have dealt with over 300 cases of questions relating to low velocity impacts.

I have addressed 50 fundamental dishonesty arguments based upon LVI and can identify medical evidence of an honest mistake.

I have attended court on one occasion 2011 to present a case of low velocity impact.

I have written articles on both Low Velocity Impacts and susceptibility to injury.

I have analysed more than 200 reports on engineering evidence in personal injury cases.

I am aware of the limitations of engineer evidence in assessing the change of velocity (delta V) experienced by occupants of a car in a case of low velocity impact.

I understand that delta V calculations depend on whether an elastic or plastic deformation has occurred.

Children.

I am able to assess and examine younger claimants and have four children of my own.

I am DBS checked.

I was attached to the child psychiatrists for 8 weeks as a student.

During training I spent 6 months rotating around various paediatric specialities achieving a diploma in child health examination DCH in 1993.

I have since 1993 regularly assessed children as a General Practitioner, Medical Legal Expert and as a Disability Analyst and presently assess about 200 per year.

I have written several articles on the types of errors experts make when writing Personal injury reports on children from medical and legal perspectives.

Dermatology

I have undergone basic training in Dermoscopy.

As a General practitioner I carried out about 15 minor surgical procedures per month from 1995 to 2004.

As a General practitioner trainee and principal from 1994 to 2004 I assessed about 500 skin conditions annually providing treatment and follow up.

In 6 months in Accident and Emergency I sutured approximately 30 skin wound per week.

I have written over 500 personal injury reports on incidents resulting in scarring.

As a General practitioner trainee and principal from 1994 to 2004 I assessed about 500 skin conditions annually providing treatment and follow up.

I have completed more than 200 reports in connection with skin complications and dermatitis due to exposure to Dimethyl Fumarate and 50 reports on dermatitis associated with mould.

I have experience in the assessment of the disfiguring injuries and the importance of the psychological aspects and camouflage and the role of the charity Changing Faces.

I have training in the Istanbul Protocol and the correct description and attribution of scarring.

I have experience in assessing the disabling effects of chronic dermatitis and other skin diseases.

Mental Health

General practitioners claim expertise in psychological management due to their role as first line in assessing, diagnosing, treating and referral of psychological problems.

I have worked for 6 months in a busy general psychiatric practice as a senior house officer assessing acutely distressed patients for admission or management in the community.

During this time I assessed about 1200 patients and used the Mental State Examination in every case.

I saw patients in psychiatric out-patients and managed their follow up and treatment under the guidance of a consultant in adult psychiatry.

Since then I have maintained my interest in psychiatry by regularly attending meetings and reading the current psychiatric research.

I have been involved with assessing and managing acute and chronic psychiatric conditions in a deprived population.

I was in active clinical practice as a General practitioner principal and have managed about 500 patients with acute and chronic psychiatric conditions with a total of about 3000 mental health consultations.

I worked as a disability analyst assessing claimants with psychological problems.

I have used the biopsychosocial model in a large range of psychosocial stresses resulting from PI to housing disrepair and as a key element of disability analysis.

I have researched and written articles published on the use of biopsychosocial model in personal injury.

Disability Assessment.

I have trained as an Approved Disability Analyst with the department of work and pensions DWP and from 2010 to 2014 regularly assessed the level of disability in claimants with psychological and physical problems. I have conducted about 300 assessments.

I have written about 50 disability appeal reports for claimants.

I can assess the level of disability against standard disability analysis criteria for PIP, DLA and ESA both in domiciliary and clinic settings.

I have written several articles in the use of disability analysis in the assessment of mobility, care, work considerations for clinical negligence and personal injury.

I have written disability reports for the Family Court considering the effects on disability on parenting.

I have written disability reports for the Criminal Cases considering issues such as fitness to plead, effects of incarceration and hidden disabilities.

I have written disability reports for asylum cases considering fitness to fly, effects of repatriation and reasonable adjustments.

I have written reports on DVLA alcohol standards and failure to provide samples for drug and alcohol cases.

I have attended court and gave evidence in an alcohol case where my report was noted with approval.

Law and Medicine.

I have achieved the common professional examination (CPE) in 1991.

My clinical negligence reports include extensive discussion of the GMC good medical practice 2013 and other GMC advice.

I have studied the CQC, GMC, Coroner legal frameworks and have a basic understanding of the Equality Act, Istanbul Protocol and occupational law.

I have read Jervis on the Office and Duties of Coroners: With Forms and Precedents.

I have written several articles highlighting the interactions between these laws and the law of negligence.

I have given oral evidence on GP performance (GMC/Coroner) three occasions.

I have written about how a generalist can ensure proportionality in low value clinical negligence claims.

I have worked with Litigants in Person where a sound knowledge of law is essential to maintain professional boundaries.

I have written a book to assist lawyers and experts understand those issues that are material to a case in personal injury called the Art of Personal Injury Report Writing.

Clinical Negligence Work.

My last clinical contact was 2011 so I now write substantive reports on cases before 2016 or low value CN cases where I am proportionate.

I have been involved in over 500 cases of alleged medical negligence on a screening report basis.

I also assist lawyers and other experts in complex cases using screening report to explain how harm occurred and who is to blame.

I have read Medical Negligence, Published by Sweet & Maxwell, Author Professor Michael Jones

My expertise includes generalist cases where the suspected breach is a failure to follow their professional body's advice.

I have written two articles on how to analyse clinical records in 2016 and the second in 2018 for the MDU journal.

I have written a series of articles entitled short notes on ... covering areas that should be in a primer for common cases of CN.

I have written over 300 reports for Clinical Negligence cases.

I have received training in Root Cause Analysis methodology.

I have been involved in over 20 case conferences for Clinical Negligence cases.

I have read several hundred patients' complete medical records for summaries in personal injury.

I believe it is important for Clinical Negligence experts have regular assessments of knowledge and their clinical skills and my most recent assessment was in 2021 where I improved my score.

I have sat knowledge tests as part of my appraisal process and achieved a high mark (78%) in 2016 and a higher mark (83.33%) in 2021.

My continuing professional development well exceeds targets for hours studied and objectives achieved.

Researching and writing educational articles on medical and medical legal matters has been about 500 hours a year since 2016.

Other Areas of Medicolegal work.

Memory problems and capacity are addressed using both my extensive generalist knowledge and disability techniques.

Alcohol problems require a good understanding of the legal principles, the problems in the process and the effects of disability.

Historic sex cases often require cross specialist description of psychosexual and anatomical aspects, my evidence in a recent case was described as helpful and interesting.

Housing disrepair cases involve exposure to mould (see my published work) and psychological stresses and a good understanding of the roles of building and structural engineers.

Screening for possible clinical negligence requires a broad understanding of the roles of specialists, the types of errors that they make and the laws and guidelines that doctors should follow.

Reported Cases in the Scottish Courts (www.bailii.org)

MacDonald v. Bruce [2008] ScotSC 21 (08 August 2008)

Sara Buxton v Direct Line Insurance (29 Dec 2010)

Dominique Mullen v Churchill (14 Feb 2012).

Reported Case in the English Courts (www.bailii.org)

Chelfat v Chaudhry's Restaurant Ltd [2019] EWHC 2959 (QB) (05 November 2019)

Published work (selected).

Experts in the Asylum Process 2020

Short Notes on Migrated Contraceptive Devices 2020

How does mould damage health? 2020

Low Velocity Impact 2020

Appropriate Responses to the Joint Expert Conference 2019

Capacity to Parent: Reasonable Adjustments 2019

Life Expectancy 2019

Generalist PI expert's Role in Serious injury 2019

Generalist PI Expert's Role in Psychological Injury 2019

Holiday Sickness Claims: Travel Claims for Gastroenteritis 2019

What does a Litigant in Person need from their Medical Expert? 2019

Medical Legal Experts Working in Prisons 2018

MDU Journal Analysing Your Medical Records 2018

Medical Expert Report Audit (MERA): Opening the Black Box 2018

Multiple Jeopardy in Medicine 2018

Short Notes on Secure Environments 2018

Short Notes on Psychological Injury 2018

Short Notes on Suspected Abuse in Children 2018

Short Notes on Nursing Home Claims 2018

How to Document a Biopsychosocial Assessment in Personal Injury 2017

How to Measure Function: Disability Analysis Provides the Answer to Over Complicated Reports 2017.

What is a Low Value Generalist Screening Report? 2017

Short Notes on Muscular Skeletal Susceptibility 2017

Using Mathematics in Loss of a Chance Cases 2017

Unsticking the Stuck Clinical Negligence Case 2016

Range of Opinion in PI Prognosis 2016

Writing a Disability Analysis Report (DAR) 2015

How to assess children for personal injury claims 2015.

Frequently Asked Questions on How to Assess Children 2015.

How to write a Clinical Negligence Report 2014.

Considering Low Velocity Impact evidence at Trial. 2013

Disability analysis in clinical negligence 2013

The Art of Personal Injury Report Writing published August 26, 2021

Selected courses for medical legal expert work.

- 3-4 September 2013 Expert Witness Intensive Training Course
repeat of the Intensive two day Expert Witness training course in
report writing and courtroom skills with Kate Hill.

- 9 September 2013 and 24/25 November 2013 Cardiff Law School Medico-Legal Foundation Certificate Report writing three day course.
- 26 February 2014 APIL Clinical negligence intermediate.
- 18 June 2014, 10am - 1pm Training InPractice Courtroom Skills one to one coaching with Kate Hill
- 4 March 2015 MRCGP Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) teaching with formally marked test score 80%.
- 28 April 2015 Investigating Incidents and Duty of Candour Masterclass
- 12 June 2015 Training into Court. The Academy of Experts - Presentation skills for court.
- 28 October 2015 MRCGP: Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA) course and clinical skills assessment.
- February 2016 Psychological therapies in the NHS.
- 12 March 2016 MedCo Mandatory Accredited Training valid until 11 Mar 2019
- 04/04/2017 Essential Update at Snowhill The Academy of Experts
- 07/11/2017 The MDU managing your medical legal risks
- 16/06/2018 Expert Assessment Skills for the Family Court Masterclass
- 31/10/2018 MedCo Expert Witness Conference
- 04/06/2019 ETN Section 12 Induction Training Course 2 day course
- 12/10/2019 Medical Justice basics training day Istanbul Protocol.
- 08/11/2019 Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference

