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Qualified from UCH London 1960.

**Member of: British Paediatric Neurology Association
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U K Register of Expert Witnesses**

After initial training in paediatrics at Hospital for Sick Children Newcastle and Queen Elizabeth Hackney, she returned to general medicine to obtain membership of the Royal College of Physicians (1960). She also worked as a general practitioner in the east end of London. After a house job at Great Ormond Street and neonatal post at Hammersmith hospital she was paediatric registrar at Middlesex hospital. After having children she worked part time for a few years in the casualty department of Nottingham Children's hospital, also doing community paediatric clinics and paediatric dermatology. She then obtained a further training post as Senior Registrar specialising in Child Development and Neurodisability in Nottingham. She was accredited as having completed specialist training in Paediatrics by the Joint Committee in 1982.

She was appointed Consultant Paediatrician at Nottingham's Child Development Centre in 1982. She was the consultant paediatric member of the multidisciplinary team assessing children referred by other paediatricians. When her child patients were admitted to the children's ward at Nottingham City hospital she remained responsible for their care.

She set up a clinic for more basic referrals from general practitioners.

With the paediatric gastroenterologist and speech therapist she set up a multidisciplinary Feeding Clinic for the assessment and support of children with eating and drinking problems from a variety of causes.

Working closely with her neonatal colleagues she set up clinics for the follow-up from the age of one year to age four of Premature and Neonatal high-risk children born in Nottingham, reporting the results annually.

She set up a joint clinic with the Clinical Genetics department.

As a tutor for the Association for Research in Child Development (ARICD) she ran courses to train doctors to use the Griffiths Scale of Assessment of Children's Mental Abilities.

In order to better support the stressed parents of disabled children she did recognised courses in Counselling, obtaining the basic certificate in theory and practice.

She has a particular interest in the provision of information for parents.

She has published and presented papers on aspects of Cerebral Palsy, on the abilities of Very Low Birth Weight Children, on Dysmorphic Syndromes etc.

She was co-author of a document produced by Royal College of Physicians and Child Health July 2000: Standards for Child Development Services - a guide for Commissioners and providers.

She retired from full-time Health Service employment in 2002.

She continued to work part time as a community paediatrician, initially for Central Derby PCT and subsequently for Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham.

She also obtained a place at Nottingham University degree course in English Language and Literature and was awarded the degree (2:1) in 2010.

MEDICO-LEGAL WORK 2002-2011 Appointed Member Appeals Tribunals including Vaccine Damage and Disability Living Allowance. Attendance approximately weekly, mainly for Disability Living Allowance claims, sitting as a member of a panel and chaired by a judge, reviewing the claim forms and interviewing the applicants.

Her specialist work as a Paediatrician is to assess and diagnose children with neurodevelopmental problems including: Cerebral Palsy; Epilepsy; Learning Disability, and specific learning difficulties, such as Dyslexia; Autistic Spectrum Disorders including Asperger's Syndrome and milder problems such as Developmental Co-ordination Disorder also known as Dyspraxia, Attention Deficit Disorder, and other less common problems and disabilities.

Her general paediatric experience both in hospital and in the community for Child Protection enables an opinion to be given on a wide range of more general paediatric problems, including Neglect. Her initial training and specialist qualification was in adult medicine which is of use in evaluating medical information on adults, for example the medical problems of the parents.

Expert Witness: 2002 to present time. After a Bond Solon course, she also undertook work as an Expert Witness in 2002 producing, on average two reports a month, usually on complex cases.

She has undertaken Reports to Courts on children with the above disorders, on behalf of both complainants and defendants, including court appearance.

Referrals are either (a) Personal Injury/ Medical Negligence claims, involving children with neuro-disability, slightly more than half for claimant;

or (b) Child Care Proceedings requiring an opinion on a wide range of general paediatric problems, usually including a neurodevelopmental aspect.

Publications:

'Non-accidental brain injury' *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology* 2010; 52: 497.

'Standards for Child Development Services - A guide for commissioners and providers.' Royal College of Physicians and Child Health - July 2000.

'The abilities of very low birth weight children and their classroom controls.' with A Abel Smith. *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*. 1992.32:590-601.

'Neurodevelopmental profile of a new dysmorphic syndrome associated with a sub-microscopic partial deletion of 1 p 36.3' *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, 2000, 42: 201-206.

'Outcomes of babies with neonatal hypoglycaemia' presented to Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - 1998.

'The usefulness of videopharyngography in clinical decision making for children with neurodevelopmental eating and drinking difficulties' presented to Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health -1997.

'Hypertension and excretion of 1 -oxygenated steroids.' *Archives of Diseases in Childhood* 1968, 43, 611-615.

'Respiratory distress due to nasopharyngeal obstruction.' *British Medical Journal* 2 August, 1969, 3, 281-282.

'Genetic Analysis of a Kindred with X-linked Mental Handicap and Retinitis Pigmentosa' Dry et al 1994 *American Journal of Medical Genetics* 55(5)916- 22

Presentation to BPA Community Section, Birmingham 1980:' The use of a written summary in counselling parents of handicapped children following multidisciplinary assessment.

