



## **Curriculum Vitae of Stephen Seccombe**

### **Qualifications and Professional Membership**

- MSc Clinical Biomechanics, Staffordshire University. 2006-2010 (p/time)
- BSc (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotics, Salford University. 1996-1999
- Expert Witness Certificate, Bond Solon. Cardiff University. 2013
- Registered member of the Health and Care Professions Council (PO0075)
- Registered member of International Society of Prosthetists and Orthotists. I have also been the Treasurer since 2014.

### **Expert Witness Experience**

- I've established a private service providing complimentary orthotic treatment to paediatric patients with acquired brain injury up to adulthood and also adult orthopaedic patient working alongside other members of the rehabilitation team.
- In 2011 I started undertaking expert instructions in civil cases covering medical negligence and personal injury. I undertake approximately 40 cases per annum and the current split is Claimant 65%, Defendant 25%, SJE 10%.

### **Additional Information**

- Sole or joint author for published articles in the British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing.
- Author of the 'Biomechanics in Prosthetics and Orthotics' teaching course for the Scottish Qualification Authority.
- 1<sup>st</sup> tier APIL expert.
- Sole or joint author for National Evidence Based Pathways.
- Previous chair of National Clinical Governance Group.
- Caldecott Guardian.
- Previous National Trainer for Orthotics.



**2006 – Present, Synergy Orthotic Clinical Services ([synergy-ocs.co.uk](http://synergy-ocs.co.uk))**

I set up my own business focusing on the treatment of children with brain injuries and adult lower limb pathologies. Then in 2011 I started to undertake medico legal work.

**2005 – Present, Blatchford Clinical Services ([Blatchford.co.uk](http://Blatchford.co.uk))****Senior Orthoist, National Clinical Lead.**

I am currently the National Clinical Lead for the largest Prosthetic and Orthotic Service provider to the NHS and have held previous roles such as Clinical Specialist and Area Manager. Clinically I have extended scope experience in the treatment of musculoskeletal and brain injuries. I am experienced in the use of gait analysis and lead on the development of technology in the clinical service. In addition to my clinical work, I provide nationwide leadership to all our rehabilitation services, balancing the needs of the customer and business to deliver outstanding care to our patients. I have directed the chairs of the Clinical Governance Groups and lead on the Quality Governance process. I have either being the primary or secondary author for national evidence based treatment pathways, education biomechanical modules and education supplements for Allied Health Professionals.

For six months in 2017 I was seconded to Norway to help establish improvements in a struggling clinical service.

**2003 – 2005, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital Dublin**

**Lead Orthotist** In charge of developing the orthotic staff and service provision in Dublin at the National Orthopaedic Centre as well as satellite clinics throughout rural Ireland. Extensive experience gained in complex orthopaedic cases.

**1999 – 2003, Halo Healthcare, London**

**Orthotist** Working for the NHS via a private contractor in a variety of settings from general clinics to specialist services.

