



Curriculum Vitae

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General Introduction:

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 Medico-legal examiner.
- 2010 to present Medical/Clinical Negligence 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.

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

I have three reported cases and several published articles.

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.

Personal Injury reports

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

Annually I produce about 2000 reports for personal injury claims and reply to questions raised on about 200.

I have attended 16 joint conferences.

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

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
25% claimant
65% joint instruction.

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 250 cases of questions relating to low velocity impacts.

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 (ΔV) experienced by occupants of a car in a case of low velocity impact.

I understand that ΔV 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 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 600 per year.

I am at present researching the types of errors experts make when writing Personal injury reports on children from medical and legal perspectives.

I have written two articles on How to assess children for personal injury claims.

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 completed more than 200 reports in connection with skin complications due to exposure to Dimethyl Fumarate.

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

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.

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 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 assess 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 three articles in the use of disability analysis in the assessment of mobility, care, work considerations for clinical negligence and personal injury.

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 and occupational law.

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 am developing my explanation of how Material questions and the web of causation ensures that an expert stays within their expertise.

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 300 cases of alleged medical negligence on a screening report basis.

I also assist lawyers and other experts in complex cases where it is unclear how the harm occurred and whether anyone is to blame.

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.

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 90 reports for Clinical Negligence cases.

I have received training in Root Cause Analysis methodology.

I have been involved in over 12 case conferences for Clinical Negligence cases.

I believe it is important for Clinical Negligence experts have regular assessments of knowledge and their clinical skills.

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

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

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.

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

Dominique Mullen v Churchill 14 Feb 2012.

Sara Buxton v Direct Line Insurance 29 Dec 2010

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

Published work (selected).

Considering Low Velocity Impact evidence at Trial. 2013

Disability analysis in clinical negligence 2013

How to write a Clinical Negligence Report 2014.

Odd and unusual injuries. 2014.

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.

Range of Opinion in PI Prognosis 2016

How to analyse clinical records 2016

Unsticking the Stuck Clinical Negligence Case 2016

Short Notes on Muscular Skeletal Susceptibility 2017

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

Why is a Generalist an Expert? 2017

How to Document a Biopsychosocial Assessment in Personal Injury 2017

Short Notes on Deafness 2017

Short Notes on Depression 2017

10 Issues With Medical Reports That Make Third Parties Suspicious

What is a Low Value Generalist Screening Report? 2017

Short Notes on Psychological Injury 2018

Short Notes on Back Pain 2018

Short Notes on Contributory Negligence 2018

MDU Journal 2018 Analysing your medical records

Recent courses for medical legal expert work.

- 05 May 2011 The Bond Solon Civil Procedure Rules for Expert Witnesses Certificate. ‘This on line course checks your knowledge of the 4 main legal sources for medical legal expert work, the practice directions on pre-action conduct, part 35, protocol for instruction and the Part 35 of the civil procedure rules.’
- October 2011 Consultation skills for the MRCGP examination. Practical course on what skills are necessary for the Clinical Skills Assessment (simulated surgery).
- November 2011 Mental health Course with RCGP. Looking at depression from the patient, doctor and specialist perspectives.
- 2012 ATOS course in assessing disability in Learning and Autism
- 25 April 2012 International Whiplash Conference Lyons Davidson Solicitors presentation of the science with guest Jack Straw MP
- 2012 BMJ Masterclasses in woman’s health and Paediatrics.
- 20 September 2012 Premex Clinical Negligence the Fundamentals for Medico-Legal Reporting
- September 2012 Intensive two day Expert Witness training course in report writing and courtroom skills with Kate Hill.
- 22 November 2012 Premex expert annual conference with presentation of personal injury cases in mock court room setting with barrister Jonathan Dingle QC, examining one expert “in chief” and one under cross examination, to show how experts are treated differently in each situation.
- 2013 ATOS courses in Fatigue and communication in disability assessment.
- 7 May 2013 APIL Clinical Negligence Update considering changes in legal aspects of quantum, breach of duty, causation and procedure.

- 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.
- 3 October 2013 GP Update Medically Unexplained Symptoms Course 6 hours CPD credits.
- 8 October 2013 CPD seminar Premex on Clinical Negligence.
- 8 November 2013 The Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference including The Hon Mr Justice Ramsey on the Jackson Reforms and the latest family court reforms see the website for details.
- 28-29 November 2013 UK psychological therapies in the NHS.
- 26 February 2014 APIL Clinical negligence intermediate.
- March 2014 ATOS - HIV and related conditions.
- 18 June 2014, 10am - 1pm Training InPractice Courtroom Skills one to one coaching with Kate Hill
- 27 June 2014 The GP Cancer update course
- 8/9 September 2014 BMJ Masterclasses Clinical updates.
- 7 November 2014 Bond solon expert witness conference
- 22 October 2014 Healthcare conferences Presentation skills for court.
- 4 March 2015 MRCGP Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) teaching with formally marked test score 80%.
- 17 March 2015 Managing Stress & Promoting Resilience amongst Doctors.

- 28 April 2015 Investigating Incidents and Duty of Candour Masterclass
- 12 June 2015 Training into Court. The Academy of Experts - Presentation skills for court.
- 17 June 2015 Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Course with Dr Paul Blenkiron
- 28 October 2015 MRCGP: Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA) course and clinical skills assessment.
- 1/2/3 Oct 2015 - RCGP Annual Conference – informal discussions with the CQC and GMC on the future of regulation and formal sessions.
- 6 November 2015 Bond solon expert witness conference.
- 17 November 2015 Premex annual conference.
- 19 November 2015 Dermoscopy Course.
- February 2016 Psychological therapies in the NHS.
- 12 March 2016 MedCo Mandatory Accredited Training valid until 11 Mar 2019
- 29/09/2016 Manchester Expert Witness Seminar Headway/Irwin Mitchell
- 23/06/2016 Mental Health, Ill Health and Personality with Professor George Vaillant London
- 25/01/2017 Personal development BTBY Leicester
- 04/04/2017 Essential Update at Snowhill The Academy of Experts
- 16/06/2018 Expert Assessment Skills for the Family Court Masterclass

