

Mr Martin Heaton
Consultant Plastic Surgeon
Curriculum Vitae
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Mr Heaton undertakes the full range of expert advice from second opinions to formal medicolegal reports including Medical Negligence, Personal Injury and Causation and Prognosis Reports. Mr Heaton has been instructed by both claimant and defendant solicitors, is a recognised expert witness for the General Medical Council and provides opinions and reports for the Welsh, Scottish and English Public Health Service Ombudsmen.

Mr Heaton is able to offer opinions on General Plastic Surgery, including scars, outcomes following repair, acute hand surgery and trauma etc as well as in his specialist fields of skin cancer, reconstruction and head and neck surgery. With thirteen years' experience as a Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Mr Heaton has a wealth of experience when dealing with contentious matters.

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Name: Mr Martin Heaton

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Nationality: British Citizen

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GMC status: Registered with a licence to practice
Listed on Specialist Register for Plastic Surgery

GMC number: 3593114

Indemnity: Medical Defence Union

ICO reference: ZA310772

Qualifications:

BMedSci	1990
BM BS	1992
FRCS	1996
MD	2003
FRCS(PLAST)	2006

NHS employment: Norfolk and Norwich University 2010 - present
Foundation NHS Trust

Private practice: Mr Heaton works entirely within the NHS.

Medicolegal practice: Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

Professional qualifications: I qualified BM BS from the University of Nottingham Medical School in 1992. Whilst a medical student, I completed a BMedSci intercalated degree attaining an upper 2nd. I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1996 and subsequently obtained a doctorate (MD) from the University of Sheffield in 2003 for research into reconstructed skin. I passed the Intercollegiate Specialty Board examination in plastic surgery in 2006 and was awarded FRCS(PLAST). I was added to the GMC specialist register in plastic surgery in 2008.

NHS Consultant appointments: I was appointed a locum consultant plastic surgeon at the Leicester Royal Infirmary in 2009 specialising in breast reconstruction. I was appointed to a substantive consultant at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Foundation NHS Trust in July 2010.

I am currently Training Programme Director for plastic surgery, Health Education East of England and an examiner for the FRCS(PLAST) professional exam. I am Clinical National Co-lead for the NHS England Get it Right First Time (GIRFT) Head and Neck Workstream

Private practice: Mr Heaton works entirely within the NHS

Experience: Management of head and neck cancer and skin cancer. Reconstruction of post-traumatic and post treatment tissue defects of all parts of the body using the full range of plastic surgery techniques including microsurgery. Assessment and management of scars and complex wounds. Treatment of hand injuries.

Presentations: I have presented, chaired sessions and been invited faculty at a variety of plastic surgery, head and neck and skin cancer meetings.

Expert witness training: I have attended the Bond Solon 'Excellence in Report Writing' course and attend the Bond Solon annual Expert Witness Conference.

Medicolegal report writing experience: I commenced medico-legal report writing in 2018. I regularly prepare and write reports for the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (8 – 10 cases per annum). I am an approved expert witness for the General Medical Council (6 – 8 cases per annum) and complete 30 – 40 high quality reports per annum. Joint expert 10%; defendant 40%; Claimant 60%; I have given expert evidence and been cross-examined at 3 Medical Practitioner's Tribunal hearings in 2023, attended conference with counsel and undertaken joint expert reports.

Membership of expert witness organisations: National Expert Witness Association, The Federation of Forensic and Expert Witnesses

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