

# Mr Martin Heaton

**BMedSci, BM BS, MD, FRCS, FRCS (Plast)**

## Consultant in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

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 twelve year's experience as a Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Mr Heaton has a wealth of experience when dealing with contentious matters.

### **Scope of Practice:**

Mr Heaton works entirely within the NHS. He has considerable experience of head, neck and skin cancer, reconstruction of post-traumatic and post-treatment defects of all parts of the body using the full range of plastic surgery techniques including microsurgery.

Mr Heaton is able to advise on those aspects of aesthetic surgery that until recently were available on the NHS. This includes breast augmentation, breast reduction, abdominoplasty, liposuction and fat transfer. Mr Heaton can also provide opinions on cases involving Botox® and fillers.

### **Expert Witness Experience:**

- Personal Injury and Causation and Prognosis Reports for both claimant and defence solicitors.
- Approved expert witness for the General Medical Council (4 – 5 expert witness reports per annum)
- Reports for the Scottish Public Health Service Ombudsman and the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (10 – 15 cases per annum).
- Member of the National Expert Witness Association and The Federation of Forensic and Expert Witnesses
- Bond Solon 'Excellence in Report Writing' course

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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 269007D

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**Education:** Nottingham University Medical School 1987-1992

**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.

**Expert witness:  
Training** Cardiff University Bond Solon Civil Witness Certificate  
Awarded 2026



**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 and continue in that post.

I recently demitted from the role of Training Programme Director for plastic surgery, Health Education East of England.

**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 regularly attend the Bond Solon Annual updates

**Medicolegal report writing experience:** 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). Joint expert 10%; defendant 50%; Claimant 40%

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

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