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Mr Michael Potts has been a Consultant Ophthalmologist at Bristol Eye Hospital where he was in Practice for 20 years. As well as being a General Ophthalmologist, his main areas of special interest were in Orbital and Oculo-plastic Surgery where he provided a Regional service to the South-West of England. He also had a special interest in Thyroid Eye Disease and its management with immunosuppressive techniques. He ran a combined clinic with the Endocrinologists for the management of these patients.

He also provided Specialist Neuro-ophthalmic support to the Department of Neurology and Neuro-surgery at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. Along with this he provided specialist neurophthalmic assessment to the patients on the Brain Injury Recovery Unit (BIRU) at Frenchay.

Mr Potts originally studied Physics BSc. Bristol 1973 before undertaking a PhD in Vision Research at Bristol Medical School 1976. He qualified in Medicine in 1981 from Bristol University Medical School.

He did his early ophthalmic training at Bristol Eye Hospital 1983-86 before going to Moorfields Eye Hospital 1986-91 for Senior Registrar and Orbital/Oculoplastic Fellowship training. He returned to Bristol to take up his Consultant's position at Bristol Eye Hospital in 1991.

During his time as Consultant Ophthalmologist at Bristol Eye Hospital he established the sub-specialty of Orbital Oculo-plastic and Lacrimal Surgery. With a weekly clinic at Frenchay Hospital he developed close working relationships with the Consultants in the Department of Neuro-surgery and Neurology at Frenchay Hospital and the BIRU Unit at Frenchay. In Bristol he worked the Consultants in ENT surgery, Maxillofacial surgery, Plastic surgery, Dermatology, Endocrinology and Radiology in Bristol Royal Infirmary.

He has organised a College of Ophthalmology approved sub-specialty training Fellowship in Orbits and Oculoplastics which has attracted International Fellows for training for the past 20 years at Bristol Eye Hospital.

He is an Examiner for the College of Ophthalmology and a Founder Member of the British Oculo-plastic Surgical Society (BOPSS). He is also a member of the College of Ophthalmology, the European Society of Orbital, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ESOPRS) and a Founder Member of the British Isles Neurophthalmology Club (BINOC).

He has extensive publications in the areas of Orbital, Oculo-plastic and Thyroid Eye Disease together with other general ophthalmology topics. These publications are available via the Internet.

He is a frequent National and International Lecturer in his areas of special interest and teaches extensively in these areas.

He was actively engaged in research in his areas of sub-specialty interest and undertook a multi-centre trial with Moorfields Eye Hospital on the treatment of Thyroid Eye Disease (www.CIRTED.org) amongst other active research areas.

He has recently retired from full-time Ophthalmology Practice but continues his Medico-Legal Practice which he started in 1995. On average he undertakes 50 cases per year with an approximate split of 60/40/10 Claimant/Defendant/Joint reports.

Mr Potts retired from full-time ophthalmic practise in 2017 but continued in both part-time ophthalmic practise and part-time Medico-Legal practise thereafter.

He remains a GMC registered doctor (2730200) on the Specialist register for Ophthalmology. He remains an active member of BOPSS (British Oculoplastic Surgery Society) and of BINOC (British Isles Neuro-Ophthalmology Club) societies regularly attending the meetings of both of these sub-specialist organisations. He continues to give lectures and undertakes teaching duties in both the NHS and private ophthalmic domains.

2017 Full ophthalmic O/P + 2 ½/7 week Lower Rx + minor ops. 2 ½ /7 Medico-Legal Practice -30 report 50/50 Plaintiff/Ins, 20 med negligence.

CPD – BOPSS Winter Meeting 21-27 Jan, SWOS Meeting Bristol 3 February, SWOS Meeting Exeter 6 June BINOC Meeting Rutland Leics 28-30 September, PREMEX one day meeting Birmingham NEC 14 Nov

2018 General Ophthalmic and Laser Rx 1/7 week, 2 ½ /7 Medico-Legal practise 25 reports 50/50 Plaintiff/Ins, 15 Med Negligence, 10 serious head injuries

CDP – BOPSS Meeting (Virtual – due to Covid)

2019 Full general Ophthalmic 1/7 week, 2 ½ /7 week Medico-Legal reports (25) 50/50 Plaintiff/Ins, 10 Med Negligence, 8 head injuries

CPD – SWOS Meeting Bath and SWOS Bristol in June, BINOC Meeting, BOPSS Meeting 19-24 June Nottingham, Oxford Congress 8-10 July

2020 General Ophthalmic 1/7 week, Medico-Legal 2 ½ week 50/50 reports medical negligence/head injuries

CPD – BOPSS 25-31 Jan, Ophthalmic Tour Brazil 2 – 12 March

Start COVID Lockdown

2021 March Closure of 2 Clifton Park Consulting Rooms

2022 – January Re-establishment of Medico-Legal Practice.