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Professional Profile

Mr Matthew Mawdsley is a fellowship-trained Consultant Orthopaedic and Spinal Surgeon at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, with a specialist interest in the assessment and both surgical and non-surgical management of adult spinal disorders and orthopaedic trauma. He undertook higher surgical training in Trauma and Orthopaedics in the Northern Deanery and was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS Tr & Orth) in 2017, followed by entry to the GMC Specialist Register.

He consolidated his spinal expertise through two senior fellowships: the British Orthopaedic Association Clinical Leadership Spinal Fellowship in Northumbria, and the Advanced Spinal Fellowship at Leeds Teaching Hospitals. His clinical practice encompasses degenerative spinal disease, spinal trauma, cauda equina syndrome, and the management of complex orthopaedic injury.

Mr Mawdsley holds departmental leadership roles as Orthopaedic Theatre Lead and Clinical Operational Lead for Orthopaedics, and is a Royal College of Surgeons Surgical Tutor. He maintains an active research and teaching profile, with a peer-reviewed publication record that includes first-author Cochrane systematic review work, and contributes to postgraduate surgical education as Lead Editor (Spine) for UKITE.

Medico-Legal Practice

Mr Mawdsley provides expert medico-legal opinion in accordance with Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules and the associated Practice Direction. He is an experienced personal injury expert, having prepared in the region of 50 reports over the preceding three years on both claimant and defendant instruction (approximately 80% claimant, 20% defendant), and accepts instruction from either party.

His personal injury and trauma practice covers spinal injury, orthopaedic trauma and soft-tissue injury, including road traffic accidents, workplace and occupational injury, and accidents in public and private places. Reports address condition and prognosis, causation, and the interpretation of relevant imaging and clinical records.

Clinical Negligence

Mr Mawdsley accepts instruction in clinical negligence matters relating to his spinal and orthopaedic trauma subspecialty. Within his Trust he holds responsibility for the review and handling of in-house clinical negligence matters in orthopaedics and spinal surgery, applying breach of duty and causation analysis to cases arising from clinical practice. He offers opinion on breach of duty and causation in areas including **cauda equina syndrome and delayed or missed diagnosis, the management of spinal and orthopaedic trauma, missed or mismanaged fractures, and post-operative spinal complications**. His opinions are informed by current clinical practice as a serving consultant and by his peer-reviewed academic background, enabling breach and causation analysis grounded in the published literature. He does not accept external instruction in matters concerning his own Trust.

Training & Approach

- Bond Solon Certified Expert Witness (Excellence in Report Writing / Courtroom Skills / Cross-Examination).
- SpecialistInfo Medico-Legal Essentials Course (2021).
- Reports prepared to CPR Part 35 standard, with a professional, objective and forensically neutral house style.
- Standard turnaround of 12 weeks from instruction; an expedited service is available on request.

Current Appointments

Consultant Orthopaedic & Spinal Surgeon, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust 2019 – present

Orthopaedic Theatre Lead & Clinical Operational Lead for Orthopaedics current

Royal College of Surgeons Surgical Tutor current

Expert Member, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) current

Lead Editor (Spine), UKITE 2017 – present

Employment & Fellowship History

Advanced Spinal Fellow, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust 2018 – 2019

BOA Clinical Leadership Spinal Fellow, Northumbria (Mr C Jensen / Mr A Kasis) 2017 – 2018

Higher Surgical Training (Trauma & Orthopaedics), Northern Deanery 2011 – 2017

Qualifications

FRCS (Trauma & Orthopaedics) – Royal College of Surgeons of England 2017

Member of the Faculty of Surgical Trainers (MFSTEd) – RCS Edinburgh 2019

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) 2016

PgCert Clinical Education – University of Newcastle 2015

MRCS (Eng) – Royal College of Surgeons of England 2010

MBChB (Hons) – University of Manchester 2006

Professional Memberships

- British Association of Spinal Surgeons (Northern Region Trainee Liaison)
- British Orthopaedic Association
- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
- Member of the Faculty of Surgical Trainers of Edinburgh

Teaching & Academic Roles

- Lead Editor (Spine), UKITE – 2017 to present
- FRCS Viva Programme Coordinator, OrthoNorth Teaching & Education Association – 2017 to present
- Teacher & Trainer (incl. spinal conditions), Foundations of Clinical Practice & Long Term Conditions, Newcastle University – 2017 to present
- Royal College of Surgeons Surgical Tutor

Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications

Full publication and presentation list available on request. Selected first-author and cited works:

- Kasis A, Jensen C, Al-Khatib Y, Kingman A, Bethanabatla R, Mawdsley M. Anterior lumbar spine reconstruction and fusion to restore lordosis and disc height for the treatment of recurrent lumbar disc prolapse: functional and radiological outcomes. *European Spine Journal* 2026 (online ahead of print).
- Kasis AG, Jensen C, Dharmadhikari R, Emmerson BR, Mawdsley M. Novel bone grafting technique in stand-alone ALIF procedure combining allograft and autograft ('Northumbria Technique'): fusion rate and functional outcomes in 100 consecutive patients. *European Spine Journal* 2021;30(5):1296–1302.
- Mawdsley MJ, Jalul M, Humphreys AR. Distal scaphoid fracture and scapholunate ligament injury in a child. *Journal of Hand Surgery (European Volume)* 2013;38(5):574–575.
- Mawdsley MJ, Baker PN, Desai A, Green RN, Jevons L. Regional uptake and variations in orthopaedic enhanced recovery pathways in knee and hip total arthroplasty. *Journal of Perioperative Practice* 2016;26(5):118–122.
- Sims AL, Parsons N, Achten J, Griffin XL, Costa ML, Reed MR; CORNET Trainee Collaborative. A randomized controlled trial comparing the Thompson hemiarthroplasty with the Exeter polished tapered stem and Unitrax modular head in displaced intracapsular hip fractures (WHITE 3: HEMI). *Bone & Joint Journal* 2018;100-B(3):352–360.
- COVIDSurg Collaborative. Elective surgery cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic: global predictive modelling to inform surgical recovery plans. *British Journal of Surgery* 2020;107(11):1440–1449.
- International Surgical Outcomes Study (ISOS) group. Global patient outcomes after elective surgery: prospective cohort study in 27 countries. *British Journal of Anaesthesia* 2016;117(5):601–609.
- International Surgical Outcomes Study (ISOS) group. The surgical safety checklist and patient outcomes after surgery: prospective observational cohort study, systematic review and meta-analysis. *British Journal of Anaesthesia* 2018;120(1):146–155.
- International Surgical Outcomes Study (ISOS) group. Prospective observational cohort study on grading the severity of postoperative complications in global surgery research. *British Journal of Surgery* 2019;106(2):e73–e80.
- Bhangu A, et al. (Mawdsley M, collaborator). Surgical training and clinical trial involvement — the trainees' view. *BMJ* 2015;350:h2773.
- Mawdsley MJ, Harrison J. Conservative interventions for treating scaphoid fractures in adults. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2013, Issue 8. (First author, systematic review.)

Declaration

Mr Mawdsley understands his duty to the court under Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules and complies with that duty. He is aware of the requirements of Practice Direction 35, the Guidance for the Instruction of Experts in Civil Claims, and the associated protocol. His overriding duty is to the court and is independent of the party by whom he is instructed.