Dr Sudhir Kumar Sethi MBBS, MD, MRCP, FRCPCH, MPH, DipIBLM

Medicolegal Professional & Expert Witness

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A highly competent and reliable Medicolegal Professional and Expert Witness with +20 years' experience, mainly for the NHS but also privately. Prepared +50 reports and appeared in courts +20 times, primarily in a Family Law setting. Covers Family Law, Care Proceedings, Criminal, Law Personal Injury and Insurance. Special interest in Child Protection and Child Health areas, including Head Injury, Child Sexual Abuse, Shaken Baby Syndrome and Fabricated & Induced Illness. Listed Expert of the National Crime Agency. Recognised by The Shaken Baby Foundation (USA) as a world expert. Currently Consultant Community Paediatrician at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board North Wales. Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) Consultant for the World Health Organisation (WHO). Regularly invited by media to appear as paediatrics subject matter expert. Previously developed guidelines/protocol. Strong understanding of the UK legal process.

Medicolegal & Expert Witness Experience

Reports:	+50 reports for the NHS during nearly 20 years as a Lead in Child Protection. Private - Yearly average of 20 reports privately, with 13 for defendants and 7 for prosecution.
Areas:	Family Law, Care Proceedings, Criminal, Personal Injury, Insurance, Negligence, Neonatology.
Special Interests:	Child Protection, including Head Injury, Physical Injury, Sexual Abuse, Fabricated or Induced Illness, Shaken Baby Syndrome.
Court Appearances:	More than 20 appearances in person.
Training & Teaching:	CPRR for the RCPCH, CSA in a multiagency forum, Member for CPSOIG for the RCPCH. Several expert witness courses via the RCPCH and Bond Salon with regular updates. Multiagency training lead for FII, FGM, CSA, SBS, minor injuries in immobile babies. Designated Lead Medic for safeguarding for the past 18 years in Leicester.
National Crime Agency Expert:	Working as an Expert for the NCA for the last few years.

Registrations

General Medical Council (GMC) Reference Number: 4146661
- full, with specialist registration with a license to practise

Qualifications

IBLM - Board Certification (2020)
International Board of Lifestyle Medicine - USA

Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health, FRCPCH (2003)
Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health - UK

Master's in Public Health, MPH (2002)
University of Nottingham - UK

Certification of Completion of Specialist Training in Paediatrics, CCST (1998)

Member of the Royal Colleges of Physicians - Paediatrics, MRCP (1994)
Royal College of Physician – UK

MD (Paediatrics)
University of Bombay (1991)
Grant Medical College, Sir JJ Hospital - India

Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery, MBBS (1988)
JIPMER (Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research) - India

Senior Cambridge, ISC (1980)

Hospital Employment

CONSULTANT COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICIAN (Locum) **Jun 2019 - Present**

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board - North Wales, UK

BCUHB is the largest health organisation in Wales, providing a full range of primary, community, mental health, acute and elective hospital services for a population of around 700,000, across North Wales. Working with families and as part of a multi-disciplinary team, playing a key role in care pathways for children with a range of conditions and needs.

- Completing Return to Work Programme, supported and facilitated by NHS Wales and Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health; since then working under a flexible contract as and when needed.

LOCUM CONSULTANT COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICIAN **Jan 2020 - Nov 2020**

Various, UK – Wolverhampton, Barnsley, Bridgewater

Managed diagnosis and treatment of children with varying disorders and complex health needs, liaising with multi-disciplinary colleagues and other agencies. Supported development of services to enhance pathways.

- Successfully completed locum assignments in Wolverhampton (Jan to Apr 2020) and Barnsley (Jun to Nov 2020).

CONSULTANT PAEDIATRICIAN **Sep 2001- May 2018**

Child Health Services - Leicester, UK

A community-based role with one of the largest community paediatrics departments in the country, comprising 10 consultants including 2 senior lecturers. Strategic responsibilities included public health and acting as Designated Lead in Child Protection & Safeguarding.

- Instrumental in the development of the existing paediatric service, improving the patient experience and driving quality of care.

Earlier Career Summary

Started career with a year as Pre-Registration Intern at Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER) in Pondicherry, India. Subsequently completed a 3-year compulsory Residency Programme in Paediatrics at Grant Medical College - Sir J J Group of Teaching Hospitals in Bombay, India. Relocated to the UK in 1992, spending first two years as Senior House Office (SHO) working in NHS hospitals, including John Radcliffe Hospital (Oxford), South Cleveland Hospital (Middlesbrough), West Cumberland Hospital (Whitehaven), Alder Hey (Liverpool), Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital (Liverpool) and East Birmingham Hospital (Birmingham). Appointed Registrar in Paediatrics & Neonatology in 1994, working on a rotation basis across the Oxford region, before reaching Senior Registrar level in 1995, spending a year with Southmead Hospital (Bristol) and 3.5 years in Leicester. Progressed to Consultant Paediatrician in 1999, working for Stafford General Hospital & First Community Health until 2001.

Media Experience

Newspapers:	Regular contributor to the likes of the Leicester Mercury, reporting on projects and sharing expertise on topics, such as the Shaken Baby Syndrome, Bosnia issues, breast feeding and immunisation.
	Contributor to an article on Preteens for the Daily Mail.
	Provided input for a piece on gender selection by the Independent newspaper.
Television:	Collaborator on TV features related to gender selective abortion practices in the Indian community, including work with the BBC on the Sony Gold Award winning programme, Missing Girl Child, in 2007 and work on Newsnight.
	Provided subject matter expertise related to B12 and Vitamin D to the likes of Midlands Today and BBC Asian Network.
	Featured on Channel 4 Television (UK) series ‘More Embarrassing Illnesses’, discussing bedwetting in children (initially aired 2000 with repeats).
Radio:	Regular contributor to radio shows on child health and welfare, including BBC Asian Network, BBC Radio 4 (Woman’s Hour), Radio 5 Live, Sabras Radio and BBC Radio Leicester.

Presentations

1. ‘FGM, a Case Study in UK’ at World Congress - International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) in Nagoya, Japan (2014).
2. ‘General Practitioners and Child Protection’ at World Congress International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) in Nagoya, Japan (2014).
3. ‘Case Against Gender Selection. Why Has it Become a Litmus Test of One's Support for Human Rights? United Nations (UN) CRC 20th Anniversary Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland (2009).
4. ‘Protecting Girl Child, a Global Perspective’ at Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) in Athens, Greece (2007).
5. ‘The Missing Girl Infants of South Asia’ at the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health (RCPCH) Annual Conference in York, UK (2005).
6. ‘‘Protecting Children in Multi-Ethnic Society’ at European Congress on Shaken Baby Syndrome in Edinburgh, UK (2003).
7. ‘Messages from Victoria Climbie Inquiry’ at University of Leicester in the UK (2003).
8. ‘Significance of Minor Injuries in Immobile Babies & Harbinger Concept’ at Area Child Protection Committee Annual Conference in Leicester, UK (2002).
9. ‘Controversies Around Shake Injuries - Geddes and Whitwell’ to the Leicester Safeguarding Board as part of the Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC) in Leicester, UK (2002).
10. ‘Towards a Child Development Centre for Nepal’ at Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health Annual Meeting in the UK (2001).
11. ‘Proposal for Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) for Bosnian Paediatricians’ at First Paediatric Conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia (1999).
12. ‘Bosnian Project (in the presence of HRH Princess Royal) at International Task Force for Children Conference - Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health (RCPCH), London, UK (1999).
13. ‘My Days in the Balkans’ at Paediatricians Perspective in Post-War Bosnia for:
    International Child Health Group (1999)
    Mid Staffordshire Medical Society - Stafford, UK (1999)
    Child Mental Health Group - Leicester, UK (1999)

Professional Development

Whole Food Plant-Based Nutrition Consultation
Sanctuary for Health & Reconnection to Animals & Nature (SHARAN) - India (2019)

Strengthening Community Health Workers Programme
Harvard University via edX - US (2019)

Safeguarding Leadership Course, Child Care & Support Services Management
McGill University (2016)

Clinical Systems Improvement
Warwick University (2014)

Handling the Media Training
Liverpool (2001) and Leicester (2015)

San Diego Conference on Child & Family Maltreatment
US (2003, 2004, 2005, 2007)

International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (IPSCAN) Meeting
Poland (2003)

Committee Against Torture
United Nations (UN) HQ - Switzerland (2003)

British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (BASPCAN)
National Meeting UK - UK (2003)

Violence Intervention Programme - Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Training with Professor Heger
USC, Los Angeles - US (2003)

IMCI (Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses) Child & Adolescent Health Briefing
World Health Organisation (WHO) HQ - Switzerland (2000)

Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Management Course - Focus on Woman & Children
Cleveland, US (2001)

Poverty & Child Health
UK (1999)

Research & Audit

1. 'Child Protection and a General Practitioner - A Questionnaire Survey', Child Health Services - Leicester, UK (2003).
2. 'An Evaluation of International Training Collaboration, a Case Study in Bosnia', dissertation for Master's in Public Health at University of Nottingham - Nottingham, UK (2002).
3. 'Epidemiology of Iron Deficiency in the Diverse Ethnic Community of Leicester' - Leicester, UK (1996).
4. 'Changing Pattern of Primary Care Referrals to Paediatricians in Leicester' - Leicester, UK (1996).
5. 'Meconium Aspiration Syndrome, a Changing Profile Over Five Years, An Original Research Project In Neonatology', submitted as thesis for MD (Paediatrics) - JJ Group of Teaching Hospitals and Grant Medical College - India (1988 - 1991).
6. 'Efficacy of Omeprazole in Eradication of Helicobacter Pylori', Department of Gastroenterology, JJ Group of Teaching Hospitals and Grant Medical College - India (1989 - 1991).

Teaching Experience

Keen interest in teaching junior doctors, medical and nursing students in paediatrics. Passionate about sharing knowledge and best practice. Previously participated in teaching candidates studying for MRCP (Paeds) and MD (Paeds). Formerly actively involved in teaching primary care doctors (GPs) and nurses (health visitors and school nurses). Notably delivered a roadshow on child protection as part of Protected Learning Time for Leicester City Primary Care Trust. Part of various female genital mutilation (FGM) prevention/awareness roadshows.

Delivered multi-agency training in the area of child protection and disability in Leicester. Taught teachers and other school care givers on subjects like, child protection issues, resuscitation, allergy, anaphylaxis and epilepsy.

Also taught internationally; delivered Diploma in Child Health in Palestine and trained Bosnian paediatricians in Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) and Pain Management in Children (1998).

Management Experience

Extensively experienced at management level with a proven commitment to driving health and wellbeing aims. Completed various management workshops and courses during recent years. Completed East Midlands Senior Registrar's Management Training Programme in 1998 and Kings Fund Management Training for Consultants Programme in 2000.

Previously developed guidelines/ protocol, including Child Sex Abuse (CSA) Medical Assessment Protocol, Medical Assessment Multi-Agency Protocol, Fabricated & Induced Illnesses (FII) - Multiagency & Single Agency (Health) Protocol, Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infants (SUDI) Protocol, Multi-Agency & Single Agency Protocol (incl. Accident & Emergency, Ambulance, Primary Care and Intensive Care) and Child Death Review Protocol for Health.

Has chaired regional child protection interest groups, the Area Child Protection Committee, working groups on fabricated or induced illness and safeguarding boards, including for Sudden or Unexpected Death in Infancy & Childhood and the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Actively involved in arranging and participating in clinical meetings and journal clubs.

Other Roles

- Trustee for AFRUCA - Africans Unite against Child Abuse (since January 2021).
- Consultant for SHARAN - Sanctuary for Health and Reconnection to Animal and Nature (since 2020).
- Listed Expert of the National Crime Agency (since 2020).
- Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses Consultant for the World Health Organisation (WHO) (since 1999).
- Tutor for the Diploma in Child Health course run by the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health for Palestinian Paediatricians (since 1998).
- Presented to the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of the Child (2009).
- Former medical lead for a project to set up a Child Development Centre at Kanti Children's Hospital in Nepal (2003).
- Assisted medical needs of refugees arriving in Sarajevo due to conflict in the surrounding regions - Bosnia (1998).
- Children's Rights Activist - promoting Girl Child and the eradication of female genital mutilation (FGM).
- Participant in the meeting of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) (since 1998).

Interests

Active member of the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWFN) for +15 years. Keen on outdoor sports, swimming, theatre and movies. Strong interest in the promotion of girl child issues. Ongoing supporter of charities in India with a focus on restoring vision and preventing childhood blindness. Keen on Lifestyle Medicine as a discipline (Board Certified). Planning to dedicate more time in the future to managing, controlling and helping in the remission and reversal of chronic diseases like Type 2 Diabetes and Hypertension.

Additional Information

Employment Gaps: Took time out during 2018 - 2019 for personal and family reasons.

IT Skills: MS Office, SPSS, Accruex, Zoom and Skype.

Languages: Excellent written and spoken English. Fluent in Hindi, Urdu and Tamil.

References: Available on request.