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Profile

I have been an NHS General Practitioner for more than 30 years and I have been preparing medico-legal reports for over 20 years.

I receive instructions from many of the UK's leading solicitor's firms and insurance companies, having built my reputation on strong professional ethics and excellence in my field.

As a member of the AVMA, APIL and NHSLA panels I have considerable experience of all stages of the medico-legal process, including giving evidence in court.

Skill and Achievements

- Clinical negligence work – I have been involved in over a thousand cases and have been instructed by claimant and defendant solicitors
- Understanding of the medico-legal process - I have given evidence in court on many occasions in the UK and Republic of Ireland
- Personal injury work – I have provided expert opinion in both claimant and defendant cases. I am a single joint expert
- I have provided medical reports in criminal, welfare benefits and immigration cases
- I provide expert opinion at inquests

Experience

General Practitioner

1980 - present

I have extensive experience of GP out of hours, and minor surgery. I still practice as a GP including regular out of hours shifts.

I have worked as a GP in Australia, New Zealand and Canada – where I ran the cottage hospital. I have been involved in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, and occupational health and clinical trials.

Hospital Experience

1979 -1984

My hospital experience included the following areas:

- Orthopaedics
- A&E
- General medicine
- Geriatric medicine
- Dermatology
- Ear, Nose and Throat surgery
- General surgery
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Training and Consultancy

I have led training courses for GPs and primary care organisations in clinical risk management, clinical negligence and how to avoid complaints and litigation.

I have worked as an associate consultant in clinical risk management. This involved assessing and advising on areas of clinical risk within health organisations, focused on general practice.

Working as a local complaints advisor I assisted, advised and supported doctors throughout the different stages of the NHS complaints procedure. In addition to this, I have assisted doctors at independent reviews and with the ombudsman process.

In addition to the training courses for doctors, I have provided courses for solicitors covering aspects of clinical negligence in general practice.

Accreditation and Qualifications

University of Sheffield 1979
MBChB – medical degree

Royal College of General Practitioners 1984
MRCGP

Training received in the following areas:

- Medico-legal report writing
- Giving evidence in court
- Civil Justice reforms
- Medio-legal framework
- Significant event audit
- Reducing risk
- Complaints, litigation and evidence

Membership of accredited bodies:

- AVMA Panel member
- UK Register of Expert Witnesses
- APIL panel member
- NHSLA panel member

General Information

GMC Registration: 2481465
Registration Status: Licence to Practice
Indemnity – MDDUS: M156293