CURRICULUM VITAE

Expert witness GP with over 13 years of report-writing experience, incorporating extensive experience as a GP Partner, NHS Out of Hours GP and Private GP, as well as being involved in NHS GP Commissioning and as a medical director of two volunteer ambulance services.

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Educational Qualifications:

- Oct '98 – Completed **Bachelor of Medical Science (First Class Honours)**, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.
- Dec '01 – Completed **Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery**, Monash University, Australia. Attained 2nd class Honours
- Feb '08 – Awarded the **Diploma of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health**, London UK (Formerly DFFP)
- Jul '08 – Received **Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT)** from the PMETB, enabling me to practice independently as a GP in the United Kingdom, and joined the Royal College of General Practitioners **(MRCGP)**
- Aug '22 - Became an Individual Member of the Expert Witness Institute **(MEWI)**
- Nov '22 - Became a **Certified Member of the Expert Witness Institute, (MEWI Cert)**, after demonstrating proficiency in joint expert reports, giving oral evidence, expert report writing and Civil Procedure Rules.
- Dec '22 - Obtained the **Diploma of the British Society of Lifestyle Medicine (Dip IBLM/BSLM)**, which allows me to call myself a Certified Lifestyle Medicine Physician.

Employment History/Experience:

- **Hospital Training:-** Jan '02- Jan '03 – Southern Health Care Network, Melbourne Australia. First Year Hospital Medical Officer (Intern). Between May '03 and Jul '05 – locum posts in various hospitals throughout the UK in a variety of specialties, including A&E, general medicine and general surgery.

- **GP Training:-** From Aug '05 to Jul '08 – completed the General Practice VTS program at the Lister Hospital, Stevenage, and at Larksfield Surgery, Bedfordshire. This included passing my MRCGP assessments.

- **Full Time GP Partner:-** Full Time Partner at Cranwich Road Surgery, from Aug 2008 to present, in an NHS GMS Practice (8700 patients) in Stamford Hill, Hackney, North London. I have particular experience with children, as 50% of our patients are aged under 18 yrs.

- **Out of Hours NHS GP:-** I have undertaken sessional work for Herts Urgent Care, Barndoc and CHUHSE (the Barnet and City and Hackney NHS OOH cooperative, respectively) on a regular basis from 2008 to 2019 This involved primarily telephone triage, as well as seeing face to face patients in clinic, as well as home visiting.

- **Private GP:-** I have worked for 2 private GP services in North London – JDOC and Myers Medical Group, between 2013-2015 (involving both clinic and home consultations). In Dec 2019 I started working regularly for ZoomDoc, providing private in hours and out of hours GP visiting to homes of patients, as well as telephone consultations. I ceased working for ZoomDoc in Sept '21. I continue to see private patients on an ad hoc basis who contact me directly, and have been doing so for over 10 years.

- **Medico-legal expert witness**:- Since 2010 I have undertaken report writing for personal injury cases, as well as clinical negligence cases since 2013. Since 2018 I have been writing reports for cases presented to the General Medical Council and have presented oral evidence to the MPTS on 6 occasions. I am registered with MedCo to provide reports in RTA claims. On average I provide 50 Personal Injury reports per year (all direct instructions from Claimant Solicitors), and 50 reports for Clinical Negligence and Fitness to Practise (40/60 Claimant/Defendant ratio). I have experience in preparation of multiple joint statements.

- **GP Commissioning:-** From Apr '18 until Mar '21, I was the Chair of the North West Hackney Consortium of the City and Hackney CCG. This role involved chairing meetings of the local GPs, arranging and reviewing audits of practices across the north of Hackney and attending the Clinical Executive Meetings of the CCG. Following this (in Apr '21) I became the Primary Care Quality and Safety lead for two local Primary Care Networks (PCNs), which involves dealing with issues of patient safety within the wider NHS structure, and ensuring compliance with local Enhanced Services designed to deliver higher quality primary care for patients, At present this is under the auspices of the North East London Integrated Care System (NELICS). This role ceased on 31 Dec '22.

- **Medical Director of two volunteer ambulance services:-** Haztola North London and Hatzola Canvey Island. These roles involve being in charge of clinical governance and signing off all operational policies. Both since Dec '21

- **Medico-Legal Courses undertaken:-** I undertook the course entitled 'Expert Witness Training for Medical Professionals,' which was run by Inspire MediLaw, in Sept '19. This course is accredited for CPD by the Royal Society of Medicine, and covered the following areas:-

  • Expert Evidence: The law and practice • Report Writing • The process of a claim • Data protection for medico-legal experts • GMC workshop on 'Acting as a witness in legal proceedings' • Addressing the legal issues – breach of duty, causation, condition and prognosis, medical advice and consent • The use of evidence in giving evidence • Understanding the language lawyers use • Expert Witness meetings – discussion of experts, joint meetings and conference with Counsel • Costs • Court room skills

- Prior to this, in 2014 I undertook a course, 'Excellence in Report Writing,' by Bond Solon. I have also undertaken a course in 2011 on the Civil Procedure Rules by Bond Solon. I comply with the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (revised Oct 2009) and have undergone training in the principles of the Test cases of Bolam (Eng and Wal) modified by Bolitho, Bailey (Eng), and Montgomery.

Ethos:

With respect to my medico-legal work, I pride myself on providing thorough reports which are well thought out, easy to read, and which focus on the key issues with clarity. I generally respond to queries rapidly. I am happy to have preliminary discussion regarding potential instructions on the telephone or via email. I enjoy forming excellent working relationships with those who instruct me, and always seek feedback in order to ensure that each report I produce is of the highest standard possible.
I am fully indemnified by the Medical Defence Society for Expert Witness work. I am registered with the Information Commissioner (registration number ZA128137) and comply with data protection requirements.