

SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE

of

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QUALIFICATIONS

Diplomas :

FRCEM November 2003 (Fellow of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine)
FRCSEd (A&E), November 1998 (Fellow of Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh)

Degree :

MB ChB, University of Sheffield Medical School, July 1993

CURRENT POST

I RETIRED from all NHS clinical practise on 28th April 2026

PREVIOUS POSTS

CONSULTANT IN PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE, SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL, (August 2004-April 2026)

Based at Sheffield Children's Hospital for over 21 years.

CLINICAL TEAM LEADER, SCH ED, August 2006-April 2010

TRUST CLINICAL LEAD FOR MAJOR TRAUMA August 2009-2014 – helped the Trust to
gain Major Trauma Centre Status April 2011. One of only 5 purely paediatric MTCs in the
country.

TRUST CLINICAL LEAD FOR SEDATION 2010-2018

TRUST CLINICAL LEAD FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 2016-2018

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

I worked for over 21 years in a purely Paediatric Emergency Department seeing 70,000 new patients per year <16 years old by 2026. Workload 55% trauma : 45% medical or surgical cases. One of 9.9 WTE Consultants providing acute cover 24 hours per day. Daily returns clinic were part of the workload.

I worked clinical shifts as part of a rota covering up to midnight 7 days per week. Immediate Consultant presence was provided for the reception of Major Trauma for 99.9% of all cases arriving. Upwards of 120 cases of Major Trauma per year as defined by the TARN inclusion criteria. I saw over 1000 new patients per year on average and in ED returns patient clinic I would see over 400 cases per year.

TEACHING AND TRAINING

- Advanced Paediatric Life Support Course Instructor
- Children's Advanced Trauma Course Instructor

OTHER TEACHING SKILLS

I had extensive experience in teaching Paediatric Emergency Medicine to Medical students, Dental students, core trainee and higher training doctors, nursing staff, Paramedic Practitioners, and Emergency Nurse Practitioners. (In addition to teaching on ATLS, APLS and ALS courses for many years.)

MRC EM EXAMINING

I was actively involved in the MRC EM examination from 2005 until 2014 for the College of Emergency Medicine, based in London. Last examined on MRC EM in Peterborough 2013.

COMMITTEE WORK - LOCAL

Major Trauma Committee (Trust Major Trauma Lead)
Clinical Audit and Effectiveness Committee (Chair, as Trust Clinical Effectiveness Lead)
Clinical Effectiveness Lead for SCH from November 2008 to 2014 and Aug 2015 to 2018
Hospital Transfusion Committee
Emergency Preparedness and Major Incident Planning Committee.

COMMITTEE WORK – REGIONAL

South Yorkshire Major Trauma Operational Delivery Network Clinical Lead, Sept 2013 to 2018

COMMITTEE WORK - NATIONAL

National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines on Major Trauma – on the Guideline Development Group of 5 separate guidelines and a member of the overarching Project Executive Team overseeing and co-ordinating all 5. Published in February 2016

On the working group of the APLS Trauma section for the rewrite of the APLS 6th edition course and manual.

On the working group of the RCPCH for the rewrite of the 'Decreased Conscious Level in Children' guideline

On the Intercollegiate Group writing new guidelines for the radiological imaging of children in Major Trauma in conjunction with RCPCH, RCR and BSPR

Peer Reviewer of Major Trauma Centres for the National Peer Review Programme Team, reviewing Birmingham Children's Hospital in January 2014 and Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool in May 2014

I was a Standing Committee Member Expert for the NICE Quality Standard in development on Major Trauma, published in 2018

RESEARCH LINKS

I have been Principal Investigator (PI) for 2 large multi-centre clinical trials since 2011, 1 of which was published in the Lancet in 2013. I have been principal investigator for the Sheffield Children's Hospital coordination of a large multi centre COVID-19 pandemic study, which resulted in a total of five peer reviewed publications.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

5 papers/articles in peer reviewed Emergency Medicine journals since 2000.

PUBLISHED POSTERS

20 published posters/abstract at National or International scientific conferences since 1998

COMMISSIONED BOOK CHAPTERS

3 book chapters published since 2003 covering topics of 'Foreign Bodies in Children', Major Trauma injury scoring, pre-hospital care & triage', Assessment and Management of Musculo-skeletal Injuries'.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE WORK

Royal College of Emergency Medicine Paediatric CPD Lead 2013-2018

BenchmarkED Course – I set up a self assessment course for revalidation for all Emergency Medicine Consultants run via the RCEM.

RCEM Study Day - Claims, Complaints and the Coroner, January 2015 - held at RCEM, London. Promoting learning via use of clinical vignettes from genuine anonymised Emergency Medicine cases resulting in negligence claims, Serious Untoward Incidents, near misses, Never Events, and Coroners Inquests.

A very well received one day course for EM Consultants and higher trainees. I provided all the paediatric material for this course.

RCEM Case Reports Study Day - learning and spreading information via the medium of the case report. The best 20 are presented orally and/or via poster at RCEM and the winner is published in the Journal of Case Reports. Excellent ongoing CPD. Last run in June 2017.

ENLIGHTENMe - DH and RCEM joint venture for e-learning. 3 paediatric modules written and 6 peer reviewed. All still online. All paediatric modules.

I was an invited RCEM CPD Event Speaker 5 years running between 2012-2016 at venues in London, Glasgow, Cardiff, Belfast and Leeds.

MEDICO-LEGAL WORK

I have worked in multiple specialities over 31 years in NHS practice and have spent 24 years in Emergency Medicine. 23 years of this has been spent exclusively in Paediatric Emergency Medicine, over 21 years as a Consultant. I have been preparing full and screening Reports on potential Breach of Duty within paediatric practice since 2015 and have an approximate 70% claimant : 30% defendant ratio.

Volumes of claims in the arena of purely paediatric Emergency Medicine are relatively low. In 2025 I produced 12 full Reports, 1 screening report and 1 full standard of Care Report for HM Coroner. Total reports to date in excess of 100. This has included Joint expert meetings and statements experience. No court appearances to date.

I have a broad based knowledge of the clinical cases that would present to a Paediatric Emergency Department and have a specific interest in minor injuries, burns, fractures, pulmonary embolism, meningococcal disease and major trauma injuries.

I will only take on cases where the patient was aged under 16 years at the time of the incident that is subject to the claim.

I do not provide Personal Injury Reports which are generally an even smaller workload in paediatrics and I no longer provide any form of Screening Reports.

I am registered with Premex, MAPS, Target, Speed Medical, Mobile Medical, Stewart House and PALS agencies. The bulk of my approaches and instructions are taken directly.

GOVERNANCE & REVALIDATION

I revalidated on 26th April 2026 and have another full 5 years of licence to practise. I have appraisal links to a new Designated Body and Responsible Officer now I no longer work for the NHS. I perform all necessary CPD and undergo annual appraisal as required.

I have registration with the Information Commissioner's Office and the reg no is ZA156676

I have full Medical Defence Union representation with the MDU, membership no. 300952G