

**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**

CONSULTANT IN PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE, SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL, full time (August 2004-current)

Based at Sheffield Children's Hospital for the last 20 years

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

TRUST CLINICAL LEAD FOR MAJOR TRAUMA August 2009-current – 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-current

TRUST CLINICAL LEAD FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 2016-current

### **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, 20 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 80% claimant : 20% defendant ratio.

Volumes of claims in the arena of purely paediatric Emergency Medicine are low. In 2022 I produced 14 full Reports, 2 screening reports, 1 report for the NHSLA and 2 full standard of Care Reports for HM Coroners.

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 also prepare Personal Injury Reports which are generally an even smaller workload in paediatrics.

### **DEPARTMENT SUMMARY**

Purely Paediatric Emergency Department seeing 70,000 new patients per year <16 years old. Workload 55% trauma : 45% medical or surgical cases. One of 9.2 WTE Consultants providing acute cover 24 hours per day. Daily returns clinic run.

I work clinical shifts as part of a rota covering up to midnight 7 days per week. Immediate Consultant presence is 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 see over 1000 new patients per year and in ED returns patient clinic I 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 have 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 several years.)

## **MRCEM EXAMINING**

I have been actively involved in the MRCEM examination since 2005 for the College of Emergency Medicine, based in London. Last examined on MRCEM 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 current  
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 current

## **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. Due for publication 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 am currently a Standing Committee Member Expert for the NICE Quality Standard in development on Major Trauma, due for publication 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-current

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