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Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Trust
(2018 - Present)



EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES)
- Sciatica
- Disc herniation
- Lumbar microdiscectomy

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 18+

- Clinical assessments
- Remote assessments
- Home visits
- Prison visits
- Criminal cases*
- Screening reports
- Desktop reports
- Family cases*



*Case-by-case



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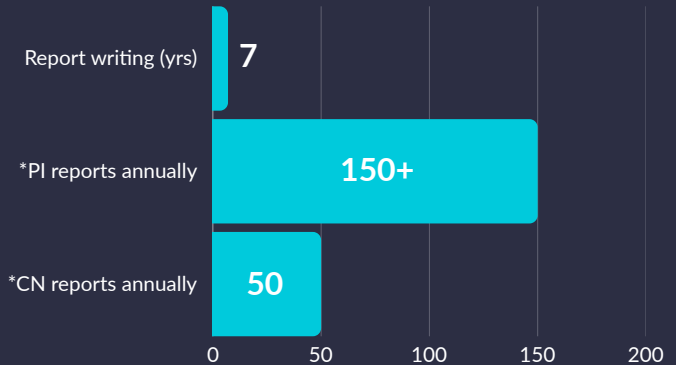
EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT 50%
DEFENDANT 50%



PI 65%
CLIN NEG 35%



*Annual report from 2024

VENUES:



- Litfield House Medical Centre, Bristol, BS8 3LS
- Dunchy Hospital, Cornwall, TR1 3UP
- Mount Stuart Hospital, Devon, TQ1 4UP
- Holmedale Health, Exeter, EX1 1SE
- The London Spine Clinic, London, W1G 7JL
- 10 Harley Street, London, W1G 9PF

FURTHER INFO:

- Court experience
- Bond Solon trained
- Personal Injury
- NHS contracted
- Weekend and evening appointments
- Clinical Negligence:
 - Causation
 - Liability
 - Breach of Duty
 - Condition & Prognosis



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CASES RELATING TO:

Traumatic spinal injuries:

- Cervical, thoracic, or lumbar sprain/strain
- Whiplash-associated disorder (WAD)
- Vertebral compression fractures
- Burst fractures
- Chance fractures
- Spinous process fractures
- Transverse process fractures
- Facet joint injuries
- Ligamentous spinal injury
- Traumatic disc herniation
- Post-traumatic spinal instability (PTSI)

Intervertebral disc disorders:

- Disc bulge
- Disc protrusion
- Disc extrusion
- Disc sequestration
- Degenerative disc disease (DDD)
- Annular tear/annular fissure
- Discogenic pain
- Post-traumatic disc injury

Nerve root & radicular conditions:

- Cervical radiculopathy
- Thoracic radiculopathy
- Lumbar radiculopathy (sciatica)
- Nerve root compression
- Foraminal stenosis
- Lateral recess stenosis

Spinal canal & stenotic conditions:

- Central spinal canal stenosis
- Cervical myelopathy

- Thoracic myelopathy
- Lumbar spinal stenosis
- Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES)
- Neurogenic claudication

Degenerative & age related conditions:

- Cervical spondylosis
- Lumbar spondylosis
- Facet joint arthropathy
- Osteophyte formation
- Degenerative scoliosis
- Spondylolisthesis (degenerative or isthmic)
- Modic endplate changes

Post surgical & post treatment diagnoses:

- Post-laminectomy syndrome (PLS)
- Failed back surgery syndrome (FBSS)
- Adjacent segment disease (ASD)
- Pseudoarthrosis (failed fusion)
- Recurrent disc herniation
- Post-operative spinal instability
- Surgical hardware complications

Deformity & alignment disorders:

- Scoliosis
- Kyphosis
- Lordosis abnormalities
- Post-traumatic spinal deformity
- Sagittal or coronal imbalance

Inflammatory, infective & metabolic:

- Ankylosing spondylitis (AS)
- Discitis
- Osteomyelitis of the spine

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Inflammatory, infective & metabolic continued:

- Spinal epidural abscess
- Osteoporosis with pathological fractures

Spinal tumours:

- Primary spinal tumours
- Metastatic spinal disease
- Vertebral body lesions
- Spinal cord compression due to tumour

Functional & capacity related diagnoses:

- Chronic mechanical low back pain (CLBP)
- Chronic neck pain with structural pathology
- Post-traumatic spinal pain syndrome (PTS)
- Work-related spinal disorder

MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Budd is a Consultant Spinal Surgeon and Clinical Lead for Spinal Surgery at the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. He is a UK-trained specialist with extensive experience in the diagnosis, management and surgical treatment of spinal conditions. He has a special interest in Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES).

In addition to his clinical role, Mr Budd has a well-established medico-legal practice and has been acting as an independent expert witness for seven years. He has prepared hundreds of reports for both Claimant and Defendant instructions and is experienced in matters relating to personal injury and clinical negligence litigation.

He has completed formal medico-legal training, including the Bond Solon Civil Law Certificate and prepares reports in accordance with CPR Part 35 and relevant court guidance. His opinions are recognised for being independent, balanced and evidence-based, with clear explanation of medical issues for a legal audience.

Mr Budd has not had the opportunity to attend Court but has received summons for the Court. He previously has flew to Ireland for a trial which settled on the same day it was due to start.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Budd is based at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Centre. He is a UK-trained specialist with broad and comprehensive experience in the assessment and management of spinal disorders across the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine.

His clinical practice encompasses the full spectrum of degenerative, traumatic, infective, and complex spinal pathology, including cervical and lumbar disc disease, spinal stenosis, radiculopathy, myelopathy, spondylolisthesis, spinal deformity, vertebral fractures and Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES).

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He routinely manages both acute and chronic spinal conditions using evidence-based non-operative and operative strategies.

Mr Budd has extensive experience in spinal surgical procedures, including decompression surgery, discectomy, minimally invasive spinal techniques, and spinal fusion and stabilisation procedures. He regularly treats patients with complex spinal pathology, revision surgery, and post-operative complications and is experienced in managing failed back surgery and adjacent segment disease.

In his role as Clinical Lead, Mr Budd is responsible for service development, clinical governance, and quality assurance within the spinal service. He plays a key role in multidisciplinary working, collaborating closely with pain specialists, neurologists, radiologists, physiotherapists and spinal nurse specialists to deliver integrated patient-centred care.

Mr Budd is actively involved in teaching and training, contributing to the education of junior doctors, specialist trainees and allied healthcare professionals. He also participates in audit and service improvement initiatives to ensure the delivery of safe, effective, and contemporary spinal care.

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