



DR BRET CLAXTON

CONSULTANT IN ANAESTHETICS AND PAIN MEDICINE

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Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
(2002 - 2025)



Report turnaround | 4 - 6 Weeks

Claimant age: 18+

Bilingual: English & Bajan

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EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Complex regional pain syndrome
- Whiplash injuries
- Pain medicine
- Neuromodulation

CASES ACCEPTED:

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

*Case-by-case

FURTHER INFO:

- Court experience
- Bond Solon trained
- Legal aid (LAA)
- Personal Injury
- NHS experience
- Clinical Negligence:
 - Causation
 - Liability
 - Breach of Duty
 - Condition & Prognosis

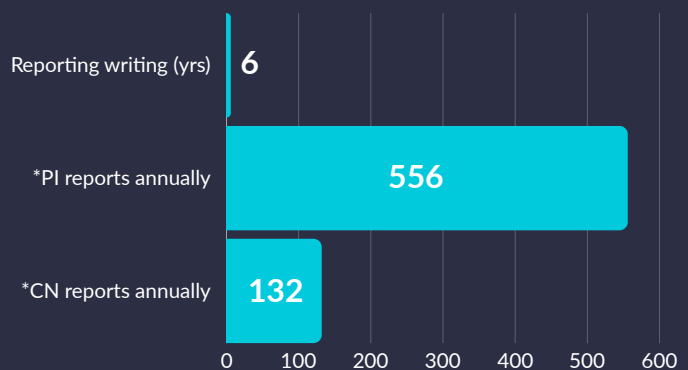
EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT 50%
DEFENDANT 50%



PI 70%
CLIN NEG 30%



VENUES:

- The Yorkshire Clinic, Bingley, BD16 1TW
- CRB Consulting rooms, 38 Harborne Road, Birmingham, B15 3HE
- DRG Health Clinic, Doncaster, DN1 1BL
- Northern Integrative Health Practice, Durham, DH7 6FE
- Hilton House Medical, Greater Manchester, BL9 0HZ
- Fitness First, London, EC3M 5JE

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CASES RELATING TO:

Personal injury relating to:

- Chronic pain secondary to trauma:
 - Complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS)
 - Fibromyalgia pain after trauma/surgery
- Whiplash associated disorders (WAD)
- Management of knee pain
- Neuromodulation
- Spinal cord stimulators (SCS)
- Sacral nerve stimulators (SNS)
- Musculoskeletal pain presentation
- Industrial disease
- Post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN)

Clinical negligence relating to:

- Medical negligence related to pain management
- Medical negligence related to anaesthesia
- Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES)
- Failed back surgery (FBS)

Specific cases relating to pain:

- Soft tissue injury
- Chronic pain conditions:
 - Chronic post surgical pain
 - Chronic post-traumatic pain
 - Chronic primary pain
 - Chronic widespread pain (CWP)
- Pain injections:
 - Joint
 - Steroid
 - Cortisone
 - Transforaminal epidural
 - Caudal epidural
 - Facet

- Whiplash pain
- Fibromyalgia
- Long Covid pain
- Myofascial pain
- Abdominal pain
- Knee pain
- Amputation related pain:
 - Phantom limb pain
- Lower back pain (all)
- Sciatica
- Eye pain
- Neck and shoulder pain
- Joint pains (all)
- Interventional pain (medical negligence)
- Unexplained pain
- Disproportionate pain
- Chest pain (musculoskeletal)
- Nerve related pain
- Neuropathic pain
- Nociceptive pain
- Chronic secondary pain
- Degenerative pain:
 - Osteoarthritis
 - Inflammatory arthritis
 - Post-traumatic arthritis
- Constitutional pain
- Gynaecological pain symptoms
- Scar and adhesion-related pain
- Denervation

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Claxton's holds the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Civil Certificate (2021), and has successfully completed the 'Pain Experts' course, demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the Civil Procedure Rules Part 35, further solidifying his credentials in the expert witness field.

Over the past four years, Dr Claxton has diligently handled over 300 reports, encompassing a diverse range of personal injury and medical negligence scenarios, accepting instructions for claimant, defendant and joint report cases, and offering a responsive, timely, and forensic approach to his medical reports.

Throughout his time as an expert witness, Dr Claxton has completed approximately 70 clinical negligence related reports annually, looking at breach of duty, condition and prognosis, causation and liability. His scope of expertise extends across various facets of adult chronic pain management, encompassing conditions such as chronic pain syndromes, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), spinal pain, and musculoskeletal pain presentations. His wealth of experience positions him as a sought after authority for opinion on medical negligence within chronic pain management and personal injury cases.

Dr Claxton has experience in Court and has been praised in judgements whereby he has excelled in his opinion, forensic and evidentiary report writing.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Claxton is a highly experienced and respected Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine. He graduated from Aberdeen University Medical School in 1994 and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists in 1999. His academic achievements include his Masters in Medical Science in 2002 and he was awarded Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine in 2014.

Since 2002 Dr Claxton held a consultant post at Bradford NHS Trust initially specialising in anaesthesia and later expanding his practice to include pain management in 2014. Within the NHS his practice has involved four outpatient clinics and two theatre based interventional procedure lists per month, alongside two consultant delivered sessions for acute pain management. In the private sector he offers comprehensive pain management services, conducting four outpatient clinics and four theatre lists monthly.

Dr Claxton has extensive expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of chronic pain conditions, including back pain, sciatica, whiplash, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), and pain following trauma or surgery. He has a particular interest in knee pain and is highly skilled in neuromodulation techniques, including the implantation of spinal cord stimulators for patients with persistent pain following spinal surgery in accordance with NICE guidance.

In addition to his clinical work Dr Claxton is committed to medical education and training. He serves as an educational supervisor and clinically supervises advanced pain trainees.

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His previous leadership roles include Foundation Training Programme Director, Associate Postgraduate Dean, Interim Deputy Postgraduate Dean and Head of School for Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine at Health Education England in Yorkshire and the Humber. He also served as Clinical Lead for Pain Services at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for five years.

Dr Claxton continues to be active in professional education and regularly contributes to conferences and training initiatives in anaesthesia and pain medicine.

PUBLICATIONS:

Alveolar recruitment strategy improves arterial oxygenation after cardiopulmonary bypass, March 2003, *Anaesthesia* 58(2):111-6, DOI:10.1186/cc1438, Source - PubMed.

No response to trigger agents in a malignant hyperthermia-susceptible patient, July 2002, *BJA British Journal of Anaesthesia* 88(6):870-3, DOI:10.1093/bja/88.6.870, Source - PubMed.

1115-1200 **Dr Bret Claxton**, Chronic Back Pain - NICE guidelines.

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