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Steamside Surgery, Thornbury
(2021 - Present)

EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Delayed diagnosis of cancer
- Covid claims
- Spinal disorders
- Management of sepsis

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 1+

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 80%
DEFENDANT 20%



CLIN NEG 100%

Years of experience in reports (yrs)

4

*Medico CN reports annually

16

*Annual report from 2024



VENUES:



Desktop reports

FURTHER INFO:

Court experience
Bond Solon trained
Legal aid (LAA)*
Personal Injury
NHS contracted
Clinical Negligence:

- Causation
- Liability
- Breach of Duty
- Condition & Prognosis



*Case-by-case

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CASES RELATING TO:

- Delayed diagnosis of conditions, such as:
 - Cancer (upper and lower gastrointestinal, skin and lung)
 - Inflammatory conditions
- Serious acute conditions:
 - Infections (sepsis)
 - Appendicitis
 - Diverticulitis
 - Ischaemic limbs
 - Stroke
 - Heart attack (acute coronary syndrome)
 - Subarachnoid haemorrhage
 - Suicide
- Endocrine conditions (Thyroid)
- Inadequate management/monitoring of conditions, such as:
 - Diabetes
 - Diabetic wounds
 - Leg ulcers
 - Kidney disease
 - Repeat medications (medication monitoring/inadequate counselling regarding side effects)
 - Abnormal ECG or raised cholesterol/blood pressure
 - Ectopic pregnancy (evaluation of delayed diagnosis)
- Sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL) (diagnostic challenges and referral standards)
- Conditions that raise the risk of harm, such as:
 - Atrial fibrillation (AF)
 - Pre-diabetes (increasing the risk of diabetes)
 - Hypertension (increasing the risk of heart disease and stroke)
- Covid-19 related symptoms:
 - Long Covid
 - Extended loss of sensation (taste/smell)
 - Prolonged respiratory issues
- Operational issues in practices:
 - Reception signposting
 - Review or action of investigation results
 - Management of correspondence
 - Management of lab results
 - Failure to refer
 - Failure to arrange appropriate monitoring or follow up
- Diagnosis of dementia
- Range of care in the out-of-hours and in-hours setting
- Spinal disorders including Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) and Cervical myelopathy (assessing standard-of-care breaches leading to delayed treatment.)
- Giant cell arteritis (GCA)
- Prescribing errors (drug safety concerns)
- Cardiac disorders (Ischaemic heart disease and arrhythmias, angina)

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Creavin is a General Practitioner and Expert Witness, and has completed the Cardiff University Bond Solon Civil Expert Certificate and is on the National Register of University Certificated Expert Witnesses. He has also completed the University of Aberdeen Bond Solon certificate for Scotland. He is instructed by both Claimants and Defendants in clinical negligence cases, and by the GMC as part of fitness to practice hearings.

Dr Creavin has been an expert witness for over four years and has completed over 200 reports in this time, he has a proven record of delivering timely, precise analysis for legal professionals, and has a reputation for his logical and reasoned approach.

He has extensive experience in reports dealing with delays in the diagnosis and management of sepsis, the diagnosis of cancer (including upper and lower gastrointestinal, skin and lung) and delayed diagnosis of spinal disorders, as well as prescribing errors in primary care.

Dr Creavin has experience of giving oral evidence in a Coroner's court.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Creavin is an experienced GP with particular expertise in diagnosis in practice. His scope of practice as a general practitioner includes work in a semi-rural practice of around 5,500 patients. He has been a GP Partner since 2015 and Senior Partner since April 2021. He is also highly experienced in the out-of-hours GP setting.

Dr Creavin is also an NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer at the University of Bristol, where he completed a PhD; here he contributes to cutting-edge research on dementia diagnosis in general practice.


He still continues to work regularly as a clinician both in-house and out-of-hours, and can offer thorough opinions on the range of care in general practice in the UK during the Covid-19 pandemic, and how this has developed over time.

Dr Creavin graduated with overall Honours, and the University Prize, having obtained the highest examination mark in every year of the undergraduate programme.

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