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GMC NUM: 7047284

Steamside Surgery,
Thornbury
(2021 - Present)



Report turnaround | 4 - 6 Weeks

Claimant age: 1+

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EXPERT

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EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

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

CASES ACCEPTED:

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

*Case-by-case

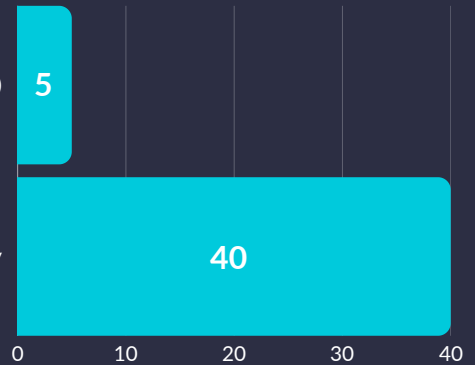
FURTHER INFO:

- Court experience
- Bond Solon trained
- Legal aid (LAA)*
- Evening appointments
- Personal Injury
- NHS contracted
- Clinical Negligence:
 - Causation
 - Condition & Prognosis

EXPERT RATIO



Years of medico-legal experience (yrs)



*Medico CN reports annually



VENUES:

- Remote

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CASES RELATING TO:

Clinical negligence relating to:

- Delayed diagnosis of conditions:
 - 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)
- Armed forces medical negligence
- Giant cell arteritis (GCA)
- 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 the investigation results
 - Management of correspondence
 - Management of lab results
 - Failure to refer
 - Failure to arrange appropriate monitoring or follow-up
- Diagnosis of dementia
- Spinal disorders
- Prescribing errors (drug safety concerns)
- Range of care in the out-of-hours and in-hours settings
- Spinal disorders (assessing standard-of-care breaches that lead to delayed treatment):
 - Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES)
 - Cervical myelopathy
- Cardiac disorders:
 - Ischaemic heart disease
 - Arrhythmias
 - Angina

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Sam Creavin is an experienced General Practitioner (GP) and Expert Witness. He has completed the Cardiff University Bond Solon Civil Expert Certificate and is on the National Register of University Certificated Expert Witnesses. Dr Creavin has also completed the University of Aberdeen Bond Solon certificate for Scotland, further demonstrating his knowledge of producing CPR-compliant reports and commitment to his medico-legal practice.

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 five 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.

Dr Creavin 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. Additionally, he reports on Armed forces medical negligence within the GP setting and has done several reports in this regard for instructing parties acting for both claimant and defence.

Dr Creavin has experience of giving oral evidence in a Coroner's court and continues to be available to provide evidence in court when required.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Creavin is an experienced General Practitioner 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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