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CONSULTANT ORTHOPAEDIC SPINAL SURGEON

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GMC NO: 6129519

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
(2020 - Present)



EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Complex spinal (degenerative, trauma, and deformity)
- Whiplash

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 4+

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



REPORT TURNAROUND

4 - 6
WEEKS

SCAN ME



EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT **60%**
DEFENDANT **40%**



PI **55%**
CLIN NEG **45%**



VENUES:



- The Chamberlain Clinic, Birmingham, B15 3HG
- Litfield Medical Centre, Bristol, BS8 3LS
- The Cathedral Road Clinic, Cardiff, CF11 9JG
- The Therapy Consultants, 606 Prescot Road, Old Swan, Liverpool, L13 5XE
- Charterhouse Clinic, London, W1H 2HL
- Calderbank Medical Centre, Manchester, M20 3QD
- Axis Chiropractic, Newport, NP20 4HJ
- Align Therapies Osteopath, SA2 9DB

FURTHER INFO:

Court experience

Bond Solon trained

Personal Injury

Legal Aid (LAA)*

NHS contracted

Clinical Negligence:

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



*Case-by-case

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CASES RELATING TO:

Personal injury and clinical negligence relating to:

- Adult degenerative disorders:
 - Disc prolapse/herniation
 - Facet joint degeneration
 - Degenerative lumbar spine disease
 - Osteoporosis
 - Osteoporotic fracture(s)
- All adult spinal conditions, including:
 - Trauma
 - Tumour
 - Infection
 - Spinal instability
 - Discogenic pain
 - RTA
 - Whiplash
 - Soft tissue injury
 - Spinal fracture(s)
 - Sciatica
 - Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES)
 - Failed Back Surgery (FBS)
 - Wedge compression fractures
 - Cervical discectomy
 - Lumbar lordosis
 - Bulging/compressed disc(s)
 - Spinal epidural abscess
 - Spinal cord abscess
 - Spinal conditions relating to hypermobility
 - Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS)
 - Nerve root entrapment
 - Post-operative nerve injuries
- Deformity:
 - Scoliosis
 - Spondylolisthesis
 - Spondylosis
 - Kyphosis
- Occupational injuries:
 - Back pain
 - Repetitive strain injury
 - Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion (TLIF)
 - Misplacement of metalwork/screws
 - Septic arthritis
 - Spinal Epidural Lipomatosis (SEL)
 - Dural tear(s) Cervical Spinal Fluid (CSF) leak)
- Income protection claims
- Hangman neck fractures
- Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery (MISS)
- Tubular discectomies
- Anterior and lateral lumbar fusion
- Facet joint injection
- MRI scan (Magnetic Resonance Imaging scan)
- Nerve root injection
- Traumatic paediatric spinal injuries, including Scheuermann's disease
- Kyphoplasty
- Vertebroplasty
- Annuloplasty

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Francis Brooks is an established Expert Witness and has been providing medico-legal assessments and reports since 2017. He has undertaken specialist training with Bond Solon, completing the Excellence in Report Writing and holds the Cardiff University Bond Solon Certificate.

He is instructed by both claimants and defendants on personal injury, clinical negligence, and criminal cases. Mr Brooks has a deep understanding of the principles of Civil Procedure Rules Part 35 and his duty to the court, and is known for his timely and thorough approach to his reports.

Since 2017, Mr Brooks has completed over 500 reports, covering a variety of paediatric and adult cases, including, but not limited to, spinal instability, tumours, infection, and Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES). He has a particular interest in adult degenerative spinal conditions, and prepares approximately 10 reports per month, with half of this caseload relating to clinical negligence claims.

Mr Brooks has received a number of witness summons for Court attendance but has yet to attend trial. He has completed the Courtroom Skills Training Bond Solon course and is able to provide oral evidence in court when required.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Brooks is a Consultant Spinal Surgeon with two internationally respected fellowships. He graduated in 2013 with an MSc in Health Sciences (Trauma and Orthopaedics) from Warwick University, and is experienced in the treatment of all degenerative adult spinal conditions as well as trauma, tumour, and infection.

He provides on-call cover for traumatic paediatric spinal injuries and is one of a few surgeons in the UK who is trained in Endoscopic spinal surgery.

Mr Brooks has presented research at numerous international meetings and has been awarded the prestigious Rob Johnston Award for his research and the BASS Presidential Travelling Fellowship. He has also published over 20 papers on general trauma and spinal surgery. Mr Brooks has a broad range of experience treating degenerative spinal disease and has a particular interest in clinical leadership and quality improvement.

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