



**MR JOHN KITCHEN**

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## CONSULTANT PAEDIATRIC NEUROSURGEON

### EXPERT INFORMATION

GMC No: 6072985

Will see Claimants aged 0 - 18 years

Report turnaround 4-6 weeks

Face to face assessments

Remote assessments

Home visits

Prison visits

### REPORT RATIO



80% Claimant  
20% Defendant



70% PI  
30% Clin Neg

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## CURRENT ROLE:

### Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital  
(August 2019 - Present)

### Honorary Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon

The Christie Hospital, Manchester  
(August 2019 - Present)

### Honorary Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon

Alder Hey NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool  
(August 2019 - Present)

## CASES RELATING TO:

### Personal Injury:

- Trauma (blunt head/RTA):
  - Depressed skull fracture
  - Linear biparetal skull fracture
  - Subarachnoid haemorrhage
  - Post traumatic seizures
- Persistent post traumatic headache
- Non accidental injury
  - Shaken baby syndrome
- Epilepsy

### Clinical Negligence:

- Issues surrounding forceps delivery
- Misdiagnosis of congenital deformity
- Congenital deformity:
  - Chiari malformation (brain tissue extending into the spinal canal)
  - Hydrocephalus
  - Lumbar dermal sinus tract
  - Lower sacral dimple
  - Sacral hyperplasia
  - Tethered spinal cord
  - Low lying conus
  - Spinal dysraphism
- Neuro-oncology
- Syringomyelia (fluid-filled cyst within the spinal cord)
- Infection following surgery:
  - Meningitis
  - Sepsis
  - Spinal cord abscess
  - Shunt infection
  - Cerebral Spinal Fluid infections- CSF



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## MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Kitchen is an accomplished Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon and Expert Witness who has undertaken Bond Solon training on report writing.



His areas of proficiency encompass clinical negligence, personal injury, serious and catastrophic injuries, desktop/ screening reports, and matters relating to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) concerning junior soldiers.

Mr Kitchen has completed over 100 reports and has been a medicolegal expert for over 2 years. In this time, he has split his workload between clinical negligence and personal injury cases opining for both Claimant and Defendant. He completes approx. 1-2 clinical negligence reports per month.

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Kitchen is an accomplished and dedicated Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon. He completed his undergraduate studies at The University of Aberdeen and subsequently pursued his Basic Surgical Training within NHS Grampian, honing his foundational skills in surgery.

His passion for neurosurgery led him to The Institute of Neurological Sciences in Glasgow, where he underwent specialised neurosurgical training. John continued his experience at The Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery and Alder Hay Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool, UK.

He completed his Paediatric Neurosurgery fellowship training at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, UK.

A notable aspect of John's career is his involvement in formal academic research at The University of Manchester, where he contributed to The Brain Injury Research Group's efforts, focusing on neurosurgical aspects of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) infection. This research experience has further enriched his knowledge and ability to provide evidence-based care for his patients.

John's main areas of clinical interest are neuro-oncology and epilepsy. He has a specialist interest in epilepsy surgery and is a member of the regionally commissioned epilepsy surgery service (Norcess).



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John is dedicated to training junior neurosurgeons in the North West. He is an assigned educational supervisor for trainees rotating through the department of neurosurgery.

#### Areas of Practice:


Mr Kitchen has comprehensive expertise in all aspects of Paediatric Neurosurgery. He specialises in Neuro-oncology, focusing on brain and spinal tumor diagnosis and treatment in paediatric patients, and is highly regarded for his expertise in Paediatric Epilepsy Surgery.

John's clinical practice encompasses various neurosurgical areas, including trauma management, hydrocephalus, neuro-endoscopy, Chiari and syringomyelia treatments, spinal dysraphism interventions, and neurological infection management.

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