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Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
(2019 - Present)

The Christie Hospital, Manchester
(2019 - Present)

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(2019 - Present)



EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Neuro-oncology focusing on brain
- Spinal tumour diagnosis
- Epilepsy surgery

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 0-18 years

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



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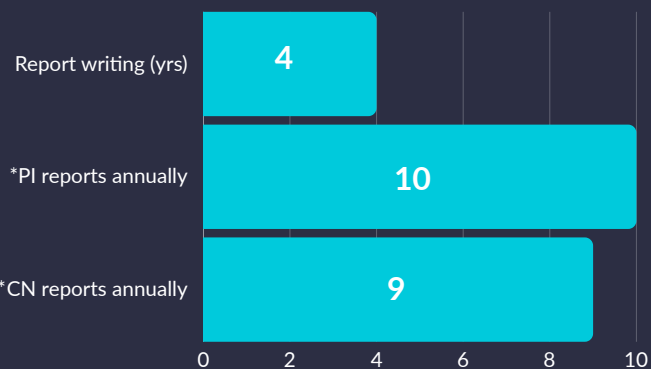
EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT 85%
DEFENDANT 15%



PI 60%
CLIN NEG 40%



*Annual report from 2024

VENUES:



72 Rodney St Medical Consulting Room, Liverpool, L1 9AS
Keats House Consulting Rooms, London, SE1 9RS
6 Minshull Street, Manchester, M1 3ED
Mindsense Therapy Counselling Services, Rochdale, OL11 4EE

FURTHER INFO:

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

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



*Case-by-case

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CASES RELATING TO:

Personal injury:

- Trauma (blunt head/RTA)
 - Depressed skull fracture
 - Linear biparietal skull fracture
 - Subarachnoid haemorrhage (SAH)
 - Post-traumatic seizures (PTS)
- 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
- Tethered spinal cord
- Lower-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 infection (CSF)

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 two 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.

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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. Mr Kitchen continued his experience at The Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery and 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 Mr Kitchen'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.

Mr Kitchen'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).

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

PUBLICATIONS

- Steroid refractory giant cell arteritis with bilateral vertebral artery occlusion and middle cerebellar peduncle infarction. Healy S, Simpson M, **Kitchen J**, Jacob A, Crooks D, Rath N, Biswas S, Fletcher N, Huda S. The Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. Jan 2019
- *Trampoline park safety legislation: springtime in Cheshire*. Foster MT, **Kitchen WJ**, Carleton-bland N. Br J Hosp Med. 2018
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- *Intracranial hypertension in Subarachnoid Haemorrhage: Outcome after decompressive craniectomy*. Holsgrave D, **Kitchen WJ**, Dulhanty L, Holland J, Patel H. Acta Neurochirurgica 2014- Trends in Neurovascular Interventions
- *External ventricular drain infection: improved technique can reduce infection rates*. **William J Kitchen**, Navneet Singh, Sharon Hulme, James Galea, Hiren C Patel & Andrew T King. British Journal of Neurosurgery, October 2011; 25(5): 632-635.

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Publications as a Collaborator:

Prospective, multicentre study of external ventricular drainage-related infections in the UK and Ireland. Jamjoom AAB. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry 2018. Collaborator: **Kitchen J**

Trial of Decompressive Craniectomy for Traumatic Intracranial Hypertension. Hutchison et al. N Engl J Med 2016. Collaborator: **Kitchen J**

Invited Contributions:

Prion Disease and Neurosurgery. **William J Kitchen**, Navneet Singh, Hiren C Patel. Joint Neurosciences Council. eBrain Project.

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