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Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
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The Christie Hospital, Manchester
(2019 - Present)

Alder Hey NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool
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EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Neuro-oncology
- Brain tumours
- Epilepsy surgery
- Spinal cord tumours

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 0-18 years

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



REPORT TURNAROUND

4 - 6
WEEKS

SCAN ME



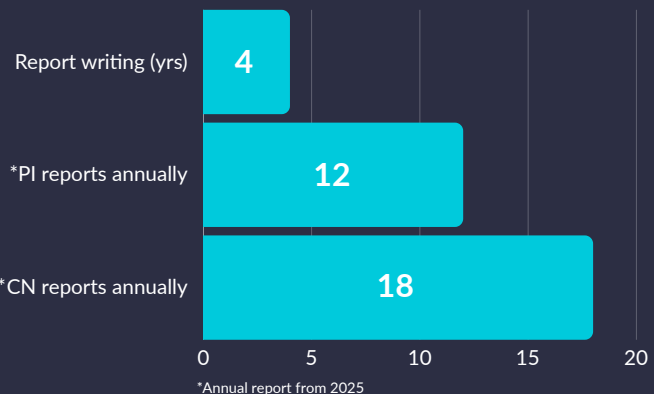
EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT 80%
DEFENDANT 20%



PI 50%
CLIN NEG 50%



VENUES:



- Mindsense Therapy Counselling Services, Rochdale, OL11 4EE
- 72 Rodney St, Medical Consulting Rooms, Liverpool, L1 9AF
- Keats House Consulting Rooms, London, SE1 9RS
- Sale Clinic, Salford, M33 7DZ

FURTHER INFO:

- Court experience
- Bond Solon trained
- Legal aid (LAA)*
- Fixed fee cases
- NHS contracted
- Personal Injury
- 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:

- Neuro-trauma management
- Persistent post-traumatic headache
- Craniofacial abnormalities
- Epilepsy surgery
- Spina bifida
- Spinal dysraphism
- Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS)
- Moyamoya disease
- Non-accidental injury:
 - Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)
 - Cerebral contusions
 - Diffuse brain injury/hypoxic-ischaemic injury
 - Complex skull fractures
 - Unexplained head or spinal imaging findings
- Syringomyelia (fluid-filled cyst within the spinal cord)
- Congenital deformity:
 - Missed diagnosis
 - 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

• Infection following surgery:

- Meningitis
- Sepsis
- Spinal cord abscess
- Shunt infection
- Cerebral Spinal Fluid infection (CSF)

Neuro-oncology:

- Whether earlier diagnosis would have improved survival/reduced neurological morbidity
- Delayed or missed diagnosis of tumours
- Optic pathway gliomas
- Posterior fossa tumours:
 - Brainstem
 - Medulloblastoma
- Supratentorial tumours:
 - Low-grade/high-grade gliomas
 - Ganglioglioma
- Spinal cord tumours:
 - Intramedullary tumours
 - Intradural extramedullary tumours
 - Extradural tumours
- Midline and deep-seated tumours:
 - Thalamic tumours
 - Basal ganglia tumours
 - Hypothalamic tumours
- Trauma (blunt head/RTA):
 - Depressed skull fracture
 - Linear biparietal skull fracture
 - Subarachnoid haemorrhage (SAH)
 - Post-traumatic seizures (PTS)

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Mr John Kitchen is an accomplished Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon and expert witness. He has been an expert witness since 2022, and has completed Bond Solon training, demonstrating his commitment as an expert and comprehensive understanding of the Civil Procedure Rules Part 35.

His areas of proficiency encompass clinical negligence, personal injury, serious and catastrophic injuries, condition and prognosis, breach of duty, causation, and liability. He also assists with matters relating to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) concerning junior soldiers.

Mr Kitchen can opine on the full breadth of paediatric neurosurgery, including, but not limited to, Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS), spinal cord tumours, complex skull fractures, and Cerebral Spinal Fluid infection (CSF). He has particular specialist knowledge of epilepsy surgery and neuro-oncology, and has completed many reports covering these topics.

Mr Kitchen has completed over 100 reports throughout his time as an expert witness. From his time within the NHS, he has amassed invaluable knowledge on paediatric neurology and is known for his detailed and evidence-based approach to reporting.

Mr Kitchen is available to provide oral evidence in court when required.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Mr John Kitchen is an accomplished and dedicated Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Aberdeen, graduating in 2003, 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. He then completed his Paediatric Neurosurgery fellowship training at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.

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 and is an assigned educational supervisor for trainees rotating through the department of neurosurgery.

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- Invited Contributions:
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