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EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Intensive care for liver failure and transplantation
- Haematology
- Oncology

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 16+

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

*Case-by-case



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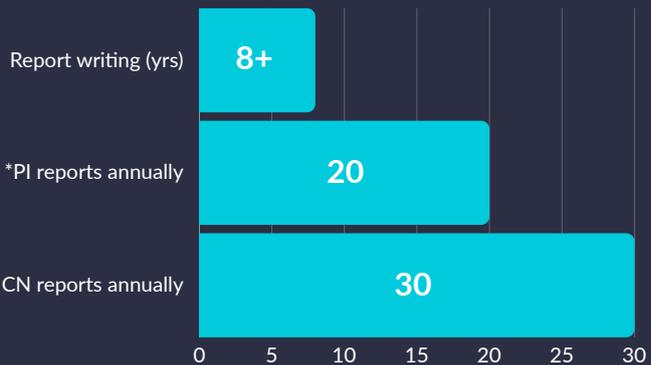
EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT 60%
DEFENDANT 40%



PI 80%
CLIN NEG 20%



*Annual report from 2024

VENUES:



- Remote

FURTHER INFO:

- Court experience
- Bond Solon trained
- Legal aid (LAA)*
- Fixed Fee cases
- NHS contracted
- Weekend & evening appointments
- Personal Injury
- Clinical Negligence:
 - Causation
 - Liability
 - Breach of Duty
 - Condition & Prognosis



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CASES RELATING TO:

- **General Intensive Care Medicine:**
 - Liver failure and transplantation
 - Cardiothoracic surgery
 - Haematology
 - Oncology
 - Preoperative medicine
- **Anaesthesia complications:**
 - Awareness under anaesthesia
 - Upper GI
 - Bariatric surgery
 - Thoracic surgery
 - Hepatobiliary surgery
 - Cardiovascular management
 - Intravenous fluid therapy
 - Vascular access
 - Awareness under general anaesthesia
 - Preoperative assessment
 - Airway management and postoperative complications
 - Line insertion
 - Equipment failure
 - Aspiration
 - Anaphylaxis
 - Maxillofacial surgery
 - Breast surgery
 - ENT surgery
 - Spinal and epidural block insertion and complications
 - Nerve injury related to block insertion/ complications
 - Peribulbar block
 - Sub-Tenon's block and other peripheral nerve blocks
 - Implications of ceasing medication to undergo surgery/after-effects/risks
- **Post-operative complications:**
 - Delayed recovery
 - Respiratory depression
 - Failed extubation
 - Aspiration pneumonia
 - Cardiac arrest post-anaesthesia
 - Waking
 - Risk of choking
- **Critical care management:**
 - Alleged mismanagement of ventilation
 - Sepsis
 - Multiorgan failure
 - Nutrition
 - Sedation
 - Fluid balance
- **Delay in escalation to ICU:**
 - Withdrawal of life support
 - Brain-stem death assessment
 - Communication with families
- **Pain management errors:**
 - Epidural/spinal complications
 - Regional anaesthetic nerve injuries
 - Opioid overdoses
- **Other:**
 - Shock/cardiovascular support
 - Echocardiography
 - Respiratory failure
 - Bronchoscopy
 - Percutaneous tracheostomy
 - Infection control
 - Transfer medicine
- **Special interest:**
 - Intravenous fluid therapy and electrolyte management
 - Point-of-care ultrasound
 - Ethics of care escalation
 - Prognostication and decision making

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Andrew Breen is a practising NHS Consultant with dual accreditation in Intensive Care Medicine and Anaesthesia. Since 2018, he has prepared independent expert witness reports in clinical negligence and personal injury cases throughout the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

Dr Breen has expertise across all areas of general intensive care, including the management of critically ill patients with multi-organ failure, sepsis, trauma, and peri-operative complications. His reports are clear, balanced, evidence-based, and fully compliant with Civil Procedure Rules Part 35. He has particular specialist knowledge of intensive care for liver failure and transplantation, and has prepared evidence for the Courts in clinical negligence and personal injury matters relating to this.

Dr Breen's medico-legal expertise is supported by formal training in expert witness work, and he holds the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Civil Expert Certificate. Upon completing CUBS, he received an excellence in report writing and obtained certification in courtroom skills, cross-examination, and civil procedure rules.

Over the six years, Dr Breen has diligently reported over 60 cases. He maintains a healthy Claimant-to-Defendant ratio and is happy to opine on breach of duty, condition and prognosis, causation, and liability.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Breen was appointed Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine and Anaesthesia at Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust (LTHT) in 2005, working across both Leeds General Infirmary (LGI) and St James's University Hospital (SJUH).

He has an outstanding record in clinical leadership and service development, having served as Lead Clinician for Adult Critical Care at SJUH for five years, followed by seven years as Clinical Director for Adult Critical Care across all LTHT hospitals. During his tenure, the service achieved a CQC "Outstanding" rating in 2018, reflecting his commitment to delivering safe, high-quality care. His leadership and contributions were recognised with National Clinical Excellence Awards in 2019 and 2023.

At a national level, Dr Breen is an elected member of the Executive Council and Board of Trustees of the Intensive Care Society (ICS), where he currently serves as Honorary Secretary and Chair of the Professional Standards Division. He co-founded the ICS Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) education programme, leading its development into the world's first modular ultrasound training pathway for intensive care professionals.

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Dr Breen holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a focus on healthcare management and leadership and has undertaken formal NHS training in quality management and incident investigation. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he led the intensive care service in Leeds and served as Clinical Director for the NHS Nightingale Hospital Yorkshire and the Humber. He is also a member of the editorial board for the UK General Provision of Intensive Care Services (GPICS) manual, contributing to the setting of national quality standards for intensive care across the NHS

PUBLICATIONS:

- Long-term clinical outcomes in survivors of severe acute respiratory syndrome and Middle East respiratory syndrome ... after ICU admission: a systematic review and meta-analysis – H. Ahmed, K. Patel, D. C. Greenwood, S. Halpin, P. Lewthwaite, A. Salawu, L. Eyre, **Andrew Breen**, R. O'Connor, A. Jones, M. Sivan. J Rehabil Med, 2020.
- Optimal volaemic status and predicting fluid responsiveness – L. Eyre & **Andrew Breen**. Continuing Education in Anaesthesia, Critical Care & Pain, 2010.
- Intensive Care-Led Echocardiography and FICE Accreditation – includes **Andrew Breen** as co-author. Journal of the Intensive Care Society.
- FUSIC HD. Comprehensive haemodynamic assessment with ultrasound – **Andrew Breen** is one of the authors. Journal of the Intensive Care Society, 2021.
- He contributed to the book Haematology in Critical Care (Wiley): Hematological Malignancy Survival in ICU
- Survival of patients with hematological malignancy ... – QA Hill et al., **Andrew Breen** contributed to the manuscript. (Tandfonline).
- Effect of a perioperative cardiac-output-guided hemodynamic therapy algorithm on outcomes following major gastrointestinal surgery: a randomised clinical trial and systematic review – S. Elliot, K. Griffiths, Z. Beardow, **Andrew Breen**, et al.
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