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EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Skin cancer
- Hand and aesthetics surgery
- Scarring
- Soft tissue injury

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 18+

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| Clinical assessments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Remote assessments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Home visits | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Prison visits | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Criminal cases* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Screening reports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Desktop reports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Family cases* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

*Case-by-case



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EXPERT RATIO

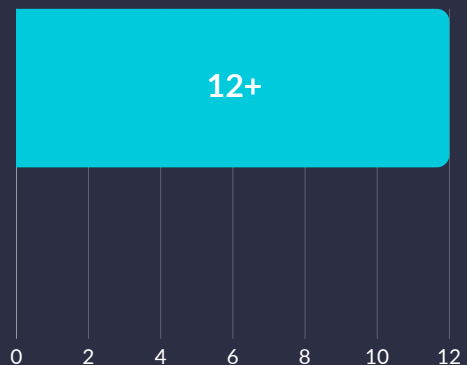


CLAIMANT 80%
DEFENDANT 20%



PI 75%
CLIN NEG 25%

Years of clinical experience (yrs)



VENUES:



Cookham Medical Centre, Maidenhead, SL6 9HX

FURTHER INFO:

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| Court experience | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bond Solon trained | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Legal aid (LAA)* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Personal Injury | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Clinical Negligence: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Causation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Breach of Duty | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Condition & Prognosis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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CASES RELATING TO:

- General plastics
 - Scarring (post-operative and post-traumatic)
 - Scar revision
 - Lumps/bumps/cysts/minor skin surgery
- Aesthetic surgery
- Hand surgery
 - Hand fracture
 - Tendon injuries
 - Nerve injuries
 - Glass and knife lacerations
 - Chainsaw & other mechanical/industrial injuries
 - Elective hand surgery
 - Carpel tunnel and other nerve compressions
 - Hand arthritis
 - Trigger digits
 - Dupuytren's
- Breast reconstruction
- Skin cancer
 - Melanoma
- Reconstructive surgery
- Upper and lower limb reconstruction
- Soft tissue injury
- Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS)
- Extravasation injury

MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr David Thomson is a Consultant Plastic Reconstructive and Hand Surgeon based in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. He is able to accept instructions across the full range of plastic surgery including all aspects of scarring, soft tissue injuries including burns, extravasation, workplace accidents and other wounds, and hand injuries including tendon, nerve and bony injuries and trauma.


In his second year as a medico-legal expert, Mr Thomson was instructed in a broad range of cases involving both personal injury and clinical negligence. He is instructed on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants and to date he has completed over 60 expert reports, 20 of which relate specifically to clinical negligence.

His medico-legal reports cover causation, condition and prognosis, liability and breach of duty. Mr Thomson takes a meticulous, evidence-based approach to all aspects of his reporting. He has successfully obtained the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) certificate for civil expert witness and is committed to the highest standards of professional reporting and expert witness practice.

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Alongside his clinical work Mr Thomson is a prolific academic author, with 25 peer-reviewed publications, including 14 as first author and four Cochrane systematic reviews. His research spans skin oncology, hand surgery, aesthetic surgery and education in microsurgery.

His work has appeared in leading journals such as the Aesthetic Surgery Journal, Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, BMJ Case Reports and Clinical Rehabilitation. His publications have contributed to evolving practice in areas like cosmetic regulation, microsurgical training and peri-operative management in aesthetic surgery.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Thomson is currently appointed as a Consultant Plastic Surgeon at Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust, where he focuses on skin cancer surgery, participates in local and specialist multidisciplinary teams (MDTs), and undertakes hand trauma surgery. He previously completed a nine month fellowship at the Melbourne Institute of Plastic Surgery, gaining advanced experience in skin cancer, hand and general plastic surgery.

He undertook an eight month fellowship in aesthetic and skin cancer surgery at the Melbourne Institute of Plastic Surgery in Australia, as well as fellowships in hand surgery and cosmetic surgery in London. He also holds the European Diploma of Hand Surgery, an advanced post-fellowship qualification focusing on hand and wrist surgery.

Mr Thomson qualified in Medical Sciences and obtained First Class Honours in 2010 with a BMBCh Medicine, receiving a distinction at the University of Oxford in 2013. He was at St Mary's Hospital, London as The Limb Extremity Reconstruction Fellow (ST8). This was a six month fellowship in microvascular upper and lower limb reconstruction, this is an advanced surgical training position that focuses on complex reconstruction. Techniques that are used in this area: The Ilizarov method, intramedullary nailing and locked plating.

He also gained extensive experience in breast reconstruction and the surgical management of hidradenitis suppurativa at St Thomas' Hospital, London. This rotational placement provided in-depth training in complex breast reconstruction (often following mastectomy) and the surgical treatment of hidradenitis, a chronic inflammatory skin condition.

Mr Thomson's major NHS interest is skin cancer surgery and he is an integral part of the local and specialist skin cancer multidisciplinary teams. His practice covers all aspects of skin cancer assessment and surgery, with a focus on providing exceptional care for patients with skin cancer. In addition, Mr Thomson is highly experienced in hand surgery, including the treatment of hand trauma, nerve compressions, Dupuytren's disease and soft tissue lumps and bumps of the hand. He also performs general plastic surgery, addressing conditions such as lipomas, breast reconstruction and other soft tissue tumours.

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Mr Thomson has completed seven full closed loop audits, each presented at local or regional governance meetings. His work has focused on improving compliance, safety and documentation in plastic and hand surgery. Topics have included venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis in deep inferior epigastric perforator (DIEP) breast reconstruction, hand trauma service standards, child protection documentation and operative note quality. These projects reflect his ongoing commitment to clinical governance and service improvement.

He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Education with a distinction in simulation based training and has served as a clinical tutor for Oxford University medical students at Balliol and Green Templeton Colleges. His roles have included faculty member, organiser and invited lecturer at regional and national training days.

He has also given presentations on many expert topics, "The Surgical Management of Trigeminal Neuropathies" 14th International Facial Nerve Symposium, Seoul, South Korea (virtual congress).

Mr Thomson has multiple awards and prizes;

- £6,500, Imperial healthcare training recovery fund, St Mary's Microsurgery Simulation Laboratory
- £250, Plasta fellowship bursary
- McLaughlin facial palsy prize, Queen Victoria Hospital
- Kelsey Fry prize viva in head & neck oncology, Queen Victoria Hospital
- £1,000, Needlemaker's company bursary, Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Best quality improved project prize, South Thames Surgical Training Regional Meeting
- £500, Richard Mills bursary, Doctors Academy, Cardiff MRCS OSCE course
- Doctors Academy bursary, RCSEd Future Surgeons; key skills course
- £500, BAPRAS student elective bursary

PUBLICATIONS:

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Research collaborations

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