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Profile:

I have been an NHS GP for 15 years. Currently I work as the Chambers Lead for Pallant Medical Chambers, Guildford which is a freelance GP chambers and I remain very much in clinical practice in this capacity. Prior to that, I was a partner in a 10,000 patient NHS Training Practice in Guildford for 8 years. I have frequently taught and supervised medical students, Foundation Year Doctors and Specialist GP Trainees years 1, 2 and 3. I am ex-chairman of the South West Thames faculty of the Royal College of General Practitioners and I sat on the executive committee for General Practice postgraduate training for Kent, Surrey and Sussex Deanery for 9 years. I have sat on the Guildford and Waverly Clinical Commissioning Group council and on the joint GP revalidation board helping GPs through the educational requirements of the GMC revalidation process. I am a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners, gained by assessment. In 2010 I was nominated 'clinical champion' for integrated healthcare in Surrey. I am a commentator for the Royal College of GPs on professional regulatory and medico-legal issues. I teach on medico-legal matters at GP update courses.

Qualifications:

- **MChB**, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Edinburgh.
- **FRCGP**, Membership then Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners.
- **DRCOG**, Diploma from Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London
- **DFSRH**, Diploma from Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, London

- **DGM**, Diploma in Geriatric Medicine, Royal College of Physicians, London
- **MEWI**, Membership of the Expert Witness Institute.
- **PG Cert**, Postgraduate Certificate in Diabetes Care, Warwick Medical School.
- **Advance life support**; ACLS (1999), ATLS (2000), PALS and APLS (2001).
- Tier 3 Child protection

Medico-legal qualifications:

- Cardiff University accredited Bond Solon excellence in report writing and Court room skills training.
- Member of the Expert Witness Institute and I have received their training on arbitration and working as a single joint expert.
- Accredited witness with AvMA, UK register of vetted Expert Witnesses, Sweet and Maxwell Legal Hub and APIL.
- I have been an author of medico-legal guidance for JS Publications and a reviewer of medico-legal texts for Oxford University Press.
- I have obtained the Bond Solon Certificate in understanding the Civil Procedure Rules.
- I attend the annual AvMA, EWI and Bond Solon conferences.

Medico-legal experience:

- Having written over 3000 alleged medical negligence reports, I have become very accustomed to considering what is reasonable versus unreasonable treatment by a responsible body of General Practitioners and most importantly what is within the range of reasonable practice and what is outside that range.
- My opinion has been offered at a variety of levels including High Court, Crown Court, County Court, Court of Protection, Coroner Court and GMC Fitness to Practice cases.

- I have a particular niche in Inquests and I am regularly instructed as the Court appointed expert by various Coroners including North London, Inner London South, Essex, Kent and Isle of Wight. I have given oral expert evidence at Inquests on 50 occasions and my evidence has been preferred or accepted by the Coroner on all of these occasions.
- I have given oral evidence in three civil litigation trials and one criminal trial.
- I comply with the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (revised Oct 2009) and have extensive experience working with the principles of the Test cases of Bolam (Eng and Wal) modified by Bolitho, Bailey (Eng), Hunter (Scot) and Dunne (Ire). Most recently I have also applied the Montgomery Test.
- I produce approximately 400 alleged medical negligence reports per year, for Claimant and Defendant in equal measure; 40% Defendant, 40% Claimant and 20% other (General Medical Council Fitness to Practice, CPS and various Coronial jurisdictions).

Postgraduate vocational training and experience:

- January 2015 – present; GP, Chambers Lead, Pallant Medical Chambers, Guildford.
- June 2006 – Dec 2014, Partner, NHS training General Practice, St Luke’s Surgery, Warren Road, Guildford.
- Aug 2005- June 2006, Locum Lead Clinician, South Park Surgery, Reigate
- Nov 2003 - Aug 2005, Locum GP, around 30 different practices, including working out of hours and walk in centres. Also included regular sessions as GP staff grade in Accident and Emergency (Royal Surrey) and covering a cottage hospital (Esher).
- Dec- Nov 2003, GP Registrar, Fairlands Practice, Guildford.
- May- Nov 2002, Senior House Officer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
- Nov- May 2002, Senior House Officer in Care of the Elderly.
- May- Nov 2001, Senior House Officer in Paediatrics and Neonatology.
- Feb- May 2001, Senior House Officer in Oncology.
- Dec 2000- Feb 2001, Senior House Officer in Ear Nose and Throat surgery.
- Aug- Nov 2000, Clinical Fellow in General Medicine, Rheumatology and Gastroenterology.

- April - Aug 2000, Staff Grade in Accident and Emergency (AE) Medicine.
- Feb - April 2000, Expedition medic with 'Trekforce' to Belize.
- Aug 1999-Feb 2000, Senior House Officer in AE Medicine.
- Feb 1999-Aug 1999, Pre-registration House Officer, General Surgery including stint in Urology ward and Breast Cancer ward.
- Aug 1998-Feb 1999, Pre-registration House Officer, General Medicine including hepatology/gastroenterology ward and toxicology ward.

Publications:

- Sept 2010 article in 'Practical Commissioning' regarding Integrated Healthcare project.
- Nov 2009, article in 'Your Witness Magazine' titled 'Medico legal pitfalls in Geriatric Medicine'
- Article in the BMJ 17th May 2008, regarding my research into GPs performing dental work, with subsequent widespread national media interest.
- 2006-8 Regularly wrote 'Questions and Answers' column for 'Doctors' magazine, 'Pulse' on topics such as Multiple Sclerosis, travel medicine, emergency care, doctors bag.
- 2005-6 'Ten Top Tips' series of articles for 'Pulse' magazine based on my experience as a GP with a special interest in musculoskeletal medicine;
 - 'Ten Top Tips for Fibromyalgia'* article for 'Pulse', 23rd Feb. 2006
 - 'Ten Top Tips for Adhesive Capsulitis'* article for 'Pulse', 3rd Dec. 2005.
 - 'Ten Top Tips for Cervicalgia'*, article in 'Pulse', 26th Nov. 2005.
 - 'Ten Top Tips for Plantar Fasciitis'*, article in 'Pulse', 12th Nov. 2005.
- *'Risks increase as vaccination rates fall'*, article in 'GP' magazine, 9th Nov. 2001.
- *'Avoiding paediatric head injuries'*, article in 'GP' magazine, 14th Sept. 2001, with subsequent widespread national media interest.

Additional responsibilities:

I have extensive experience working in Accident and Emergency and General Practice in making assessments of injuries, physical and psychological for various private and public agencies. I regularly perform various joint injections within the Practice setting.

Indemnity

I am fully insured with the MPS for my work as an expert witness.

Information Commissioner

I am registered with the Information Commissioner (registration number Z1784584) and comply with data protection. Medical records are stored in a locked and CCTV covered office and are shredded at the end of a case. Computer records are stored on password protected and encrypted disc.

Some of the feedback Dr Bint has received (mix of Claimant and Defendant);

(Further testimonials can be found at www.expertgeneralpractitioner.co.uk)

- *'A most valued opinion'*
 - GMC Fitness to Practice Directorate.

- *'Your Clinical Negligence reporting prowess has been recommended to me'*
 - Chief Medical Officer and Clinical Lead, Premex Group.

- *'We thought you presented as a really compelling expert witness...many thanks for your help today, you were fantastic.'*
 - MDU in relation to evidence given at MPTS fitness to practice tribunal.

- *'We were impressed by the quality of your report and the precise unequivocal opinion that you set out therein...we will most certainly be instructing you again.'*
 - McKeag and Co Solicitors, Newcastle.

- *'I just wanted to thank you very much for your assistance at the Inquest yesterday. As always, your evidence was clear, fair and balanced.'*
- Senior Coroner, East London

- *'An immense help'*
- MDDUS, regarding expert evidence at Inquest in Cornwall.

- Described by Judge Simpkins as an *'exemplary'* expert.

- *'I thought that you might like to know that this matter settled at JSM last Friday. Your persuasive arguments in the joint discussions put the defendants in much difficulty. Thank you very much for your time and assistance on this case.'* -
- Bolt Burdon Kemp Solicitors, London

- *'I am happy to say that we have received a glowing reference from Clare Milne. I have therefore amended your profile to a 1st Tier APIL Member recommended Expert.'*
- APIL.

- *'The barrister was extremely impressed by your evidence and is going to add you to his database.'*
- Irwin Mitchell, Newcastle.

- *'Mr McCartney QC has recommended that the family instruct you to prepare an expert opinion for them'*
- Stewarts Solicitors, Belfast

- *'Andrew Walker, HMC London North has recommended you to me'*
- HM Coroner Mid Kent

Dr Bint's Court appearances;

- 2010** Inner London North Coroner Court case of Gomez
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Kenny
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Ahye
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Khan
- 2011** Inner London North Coroner Court case of Casey
Croydon Crown Court case of Vipond
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Gilbert
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Roberts
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Shah
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Zbigniew
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Godfrey
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Radosz
- 2012** Inner London North Coroner Court case of Barnfather
Essex Coroner Court case of Jex
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Cameron
Inner London South (Southwark) Coroner Court case of Adebimpe
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Khan
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Balci
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Goldberg
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Dowdall
- 2013** Essex Coroner Court case of Adams
Isle of Wight Coroner Court case of Haddon
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Beagle
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Charles
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Choudhoury
Suffolk Coroner Court case of Edwards
Kent Coroner Court case of Austin

Inner London North Coroner Court case of Moss
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Vishram
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Webb

2014 Inner London North Coroner Court case Collins
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Coleman
Surrey Coroner Court (Woking) case of Andrade
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Patel
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Lee
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Qadar
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Taylor
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Thompson

2015 Gloucester Coroner Court case of Waite
Isle of Wight Coroner Court case of Pevreal
Kent Coroner Court case of Broadbent
Inner London South (Southwark) Coroner Court case of Zacharski
Brighton County Court case of Willis v Stern
Patent Infringement Chancery Court (Pfizer)
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Day
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Johnson
Cornwall Coroner Court case of Titterington
Portsmouth Coroner Court case of Sillence
GMC FTP hearing case of Osakuade
Kent Coroner Court case of Dean
North London Coroner Court case of Mansfield

2016 Bolton Coroner Court case of Akdemir
Walthamstow Coroner Court case of Marongiu
Kent Coroner Court case of Maunder
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Hamid
Isle of Wight Coroner Court case of Hardman

Inner London North Coroner Court case of Lau
East London Coroner Court case of Lowe

2017 Royal Courts of Justice Cosgrove v Al-Doori