

**MEDICOLEGAL CV
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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	
Professional Qualification(s) BMBCh (Oxford 1992)	Professional Discipline Ophthalmology/Ophthalmic Surgery
Specialist Fields Paediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus	Higher/Specialist Degree/Diploma FRCOphth 1996 PhD (University of Manchester) 1999
Areas of Particular Expertise Paediatric Eye disorders including Childhood Strabismus and amblyopia, Congenital Cataract and Glaucoma, Genetic Eye Disorders, Paediatric uveitis, Neurometabolic disease and the eye, Cerebral Visual Impairment, Retinopathy of Prematurity.	
Experience in Specialist Area I have been a Consultant at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital for over 15 years providing a general ophthalmic service and a tertiary referral service in clinical and surgical Paediatric Ophthalmology. I am currently an Honorary Professor at the University of Manchester, and Head of School of Ophthalmology at Health Education North West. Previous posts include Clinical Lecturer in Ophthalmology to the University of Manchester (2000-2005) and Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Ophthalmology (2005-2007). I have authored or co-authored more than 80 research papers, 4 book chapter and have co-edited a textbook on genetics for ophthalmologists (Elsevier). I have carried out medicolegal work in ophthalmology since 2016 and have completed 85 cases in the last 2 years. I have been awarded the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate. My work is approximately 70% claimant, 25% defendant and 5% joint and I have appeared in Court on several occasions. I have been on the GMC medicolegal expert witness list since 2021, providing expert evidence in fitness to practice cases.	

RESEARCH, TEACHING AND TRAINING

Peer-reviewed publications (last 3 years)

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Research Undertaken	Portfolio adopted studies into genetics of childhood cataract, retinopathy of prematurity and eye disease in neurometabolic disorders. I am principal investigation for industry funded research studies into paediatric eye disease, and have received research grants which provide funding for a research fellow. I am Ophthalmology lead for the Greater Manchester Clinical Research Network.
Details of Teaching/Training Others	I am Head of the School of Ophthalmology and prior to this was Training Programme Director for Health Education North West. I supervise/train Specialist Registrars and 2 current Fellows in Paediatric Ophthalmology, and am active in supervision of research fellows and teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level. I am an examiner for the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, and a member of the RCOphth Training committee. I am a member of the steering committee for the European Reference Network for rare Eye diseases (EYE-ERN) and was co-chair for paediatric ophthalmology. Founder member of the UK Paediatric Ocular Inflammation Group (2018). I am a member of the American Association of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) and British and Ire Paediatric Ophthalmology Society (BIPOSA).
Continuing Training CME/CPD	Annual programme monitored by Royal College of Ophthalmologists

MEMBERSHIPS ETC	
Committee Memberships	Member of RCOphth Training Chair of Specialist Training Committee HENW Chair of North West Clinical Research Network for Ophthalmology and Manchester Royal Eye Hospital Research Committee European Reference Network for rare Eye Diseases (EYE-ERN)
Professional Memberships	Fellow of Royal College of Ophthalmologists Member of AAPOS (American Association for Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus) Member of British Isles Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus association (BIPOSA) British Medical Association UK Eye Genetic Group (UK EGG)
Other Areas of Special Interest	UK Paediatric Ocular Inflammation Group. Guardian of Safe Working, Manchester Foundation Trust from 2016-2018 Education lead Manchester Royal Eye Hospital from 2014-2016 Safeguarding lead MREH from 2013 College Tutor MREH until 2014 Training Programme Director Ophthalmology Health Education North West from 2014
Languages	English
