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**General Practice Expert Witness**

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I have been an NHS GP for over 20 years. I remain appraised and revalidated on the GMC register. I have worked in a variety of General Practice settings including as a GP Principal (for 8 years), Locum work in Practices (for 12 years), out-of-hours care, urgent GP care (including within A&E), telephone triage, covering a Cottage Hospital, looking after patients in Nursing and Residential Homes and looking after private patients. I am currently a long-term freelance GP with a Practice in Hampshire and I continue to do urgent care shifts. 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 also sat on the Guildford and Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group Council and on the joint GP revalidation board helping GPs through the educational requirements of the GMC revalidation process.

In 2010, I was nominated 'clinical champion' for integrated healthcare in Surrey.

I am a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners, gained by assessment and a Fellow of the Expert Witness Institute, one of the roles of which is mentoring new members.

I teach medico-legal matters to GPs at update courses and I have regularly run courses, training aspiring expert witness as well as established expert witnesses on dealing with the litigation process and on their obligations to the Court. I also give regular topic talks to Solicitors and Claims handlers at NHS Resolution and for NHS Wales.

I am author of the Primary Care Chapter of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Powers and Barton 'Clinical Negligence' 2023.

### **Qualifications:**

- **MBChB**, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Edinburgh 1998
- **DGM**, Diploma in Geriatric Medicine, Royal College of Physicians, London 2001
- **DRCOG**, Diploma Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London 2002
- **DFSRH**, Diploma Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, London 2022
- **FRCGP**, Membership (2004) then Fellowship (2009) Royal College of General Practitioners.
- **FEWI**, Membership (2008) and latterly Fellowship (2020) of the Expert Witness Institute.
- **PG Cert**, Postgraduate Certificate in Diabetes Care, Warwick Medical School 2011
- **MCSFS**, Membership of the Chartered Society of Forensic Scientists 2023
- **Advanced life support**; ACLS (1999), ATLS (2000), PALS and APLS (2001).
- Tier 3 Child protection

### **Medico-legal qualifications:**

- I have obtained Cardiff University accredited Bond Solon certificates in report writing and Courtroom skills.
- I have received EWI training or arbitration and being a Single Joint Expert.
- I have obtained the Bond Solon Civil Procedure Rules for Expert Witnesses Certificate.
- I am an AvMA and APIL panel member and on the UK Register of expert witnesses.
- I am on the vetted FMAT database for the National Crime Agency (relating to criminal matters in General Practice).

**Medico-legal experience:**

- Having provided expert opinion on over 7000 alleged medical negligence cases for Claimant and Defendant in equal measure, 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 Coroner's expert by various Coroners throughout England including the jurisdictions of North London, Inner London South, Walthamstow, Surrey, Kent, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Cambridge, Cornwall and Hull and East Riding. I have given oral expert evidence at Inquests on 77 occasions.
- I have also given oral evidence in five 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) and the Montgomery Test.
- I produce approximately 400 alleged medical negligence reports per year, for Claimant and Defendant in close to equal measure; 40% Defendant, 50% Claimant and 10% other (for example General Medical Council Fitness to Practice, CPS, Police and various Coronial jurisdictions).

**Postgraduate vocational training and experience:**

- January 2015 – present; Freelance GP, primarily based at Wilson Practice, Alton.
- 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, Senior House Officer in Accident and Emergency Medicine.
- Feb - April 2000, Expedition medic with 'Trekforce' to Belize.
- Aug 1999-Feb 2000, Senior House Officer in Accident and Emergency 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.

### **Journal 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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', 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2006
  - 'Ten Top Tips for Adhesive Capsulitis'* article for 'Pulse', 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2005.
  - 'Ten Top Tips for Cervicalgia'*, article in 'Pulse', 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2005.
  - 'Ten Top Tips for Plantar Fasciitis'*, article in 'Pulse', 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2005.

- *'Risks increase as vaccination rates fall'*, article in 'GP' magazine, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2001.
- *'Avoiding paediatric head injuries'*, article in 'GP' magazine, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 MDDUS for my work as an expert witness. Membership number M257264

#### **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;**

(Further testimonials can be found at [www.gpexpert.co.uk](http://www.gpexpert.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.**

*'Very many thanks for your thorough report on this case which was more detailed than I had anticipated for a desktop report but which is particularly appreciated. Your report provides a helpful balance of depth in terms of the background and conclusion, and the way in which you have formulated your conclusions is clear.'*

**- Irwin Mitchell LLP, Sheffield**

*'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 2019**

*'Dr Bint gave evidence in an understated, well considered and reflective manner....and had a comprehensive understanding of the issues and was able to explain his position in a balanced and even manner that was designed to assist the Court'*

**- Recorder Barnett, Sheffield County Court 2019**

Described as an 'exemplary' expert.

**- Judge Simpkins 2015**

*'Disarmingly effective'*

**- Pattinson Brewer Solicitors, London**

*'Thankyou for your excellent evidence'*

**- Professor Marks, HM Senior Coroner, Kingston-upon-Hull 2018**

*'Exemplary'*

**-Balfour and Manson, Edinburgh.**

*'I found Dr Bint to be impressive and found him to be a persuasive and competent expert. I prefer the evidence of Dr Bint.'*

**- Kent Coroner 2019**

## **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 Choudhury  
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  
MPTS GMC v 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

**2018** Inner London North Coroner Court case of Nichols  
Inner London North Coroner Court case of Petre  
Kingston upon Hull Coroner Court case of Umbar Ali  
Kent Coroner (Maidstone) Court case of Mawson  
Surrey Coroner Court case of Gillah  
Kingston upon Hull Coroner Court case of Gatti  
Royal Courts of Justice, Hooper v Burne and others  
MPTS GMC v McFarlane

**2019** Walthamstow Coroner Court case of Clive  
Kent Coroner Court case of Walton  
Sheffield County Court Murphy v Holden  
Nottingham Coroner Court case of Vaughan  
Walthamstow Coroner Court case of Lewis

**2020** Wiltshire Coroner case of Narraway-Baverstock  
Royal Courts of Justice, Child XM v Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust  
Kent Coroner Court case of Wilson

**2021** Walthamstow Coroner's Court case of Diggines  
Walthamstow Coroner's Court case of Jalloh  
Walthamstow Coroner's Court case of Harris

**2022** Surrey Coroner's Court case of Brown

**2023** Wakefield Coroner Court case of Nash  
Walthamstow Coroner Court case of Harper

Walthamstow Coroner Court case of Smith  
MPTS GMC v Gabriel

**2024**    Walthamstow Coroner Court case of Kohli  
             West Sussex Coroner Court case of Shahrear  
             Cambridgeshire Coroner Court case of Proudfoot  
             Kingston upon Hull Coroner Court case of Al-Achkar

**2025**    Cambridge Coroner Court case of Falvey