



EXPERT IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

CLINICAL INSIGHT FOR LEGAL CLARITY

WELCOME TO EXPERTINEM



LED BY

DR DAVID HODGSON

An Emergency Medicine Consultant offering expert medico-legal reports and services for clinical negligence cases.



ABOUT DR DAVID HODGSON

I'm Dr David Hodgson, an Emergency Medicine Consultant specialising in providing expert medico-legal opinions for clinical negligence cases across the UK. I emphasise writing reports that give clinical insight for legal clarity.

I have held senior leadership roles, including deputy medical director for quality and safety, and I have engaged nationally and internationally in patient safety-focused committees. I was awarded an LLM in Healthcare Ethics and Law in 2017. I am passionate about improving the quality and safety of healthcare.



QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS),
Newcastle University

Master of Laws (LLM in Healthcare Ethics and Law),
University of Manchester

Fellow of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine
(FRC EM)

Member of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP)

Cardiff University Bond Solon Civil Expert Witness
Certificate (CUBS)



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

I have held numerous consultant roles in Emergency
Medicine across major NHS trusts in the UK, gaining
substantial experience across the breadth and depth
of Emergency Medicine.

Extensive experience providing expert witness services
for adult clinical negligence cases.

Comprehensive experience in clinical governance and
patient safety through senior roles within acute NHS
trusts.

**For more detailed and up-to-date information regarding
my Professional experience, visit my LinkedIn Profile.**

[VISIT LINKENDIN](#)

CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE SERVICE

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES



I specialise in providing medico-legal reports for clinical
negligence cases, focusing on adult emergency medicine.

I do not take instructions for paediatric cases.

EXAMPLES OF THE MOST COMMON CASES I AM INSTRUCTED ON

Failure to diagnose or delay in diagnosis of



Heart attack
(Myocardial Infarction)



Sepsis



Aortic dissection



Fractures and
dislocations



Cauda equina
syndrome



Stroke (CVA)



Pulmonary
embolism



Meningitis



Head injuries



Appendicitis

EXPERT WITNESS
ACTIVITY

90%
DEFENDANT

10%
CLAIMANT



TERMS OF BUSINESS



Fees

- My current hourly rate is £245 for all time spent on the case. Most cases take between 6-10 hours, with complex cases capped at a maximum of 12 hours. You will be informed if a case requires this maximum time before proceeding.
- For court hearings, my daily rate is £1,750, which covers travel and waiting time, regardless of whether oral evidence is given.



Court Attendance Cancellation

- If court attendance is cancelled with more than three working days' notice, no fee is payable. If cancelled with less than three working days' notice, a fee of £1,000 is charged for the first full day of the trial.



Expenses

- Reasonable expenses incurred will be invoiced at cost, and receipts can be provided upon request.



Payment Terms

- Payment is expected within 90 days of the invoice date (unless otherwise agreed), regardless of whether your client has paid you. In legally aided cases, please make a prompt claim to the Legal Services Commission and inform me of any delays.
- I reserve the right to charge interest on unpaid accounts at a rate of 2% per month.



No-Win, No-Fee

- I do not accept work on a no-win, no-fee basis.



Payment Methods

- Payment can be made via cheque (payable to David Hodgson) or BACS. Account details will be provided with the invoice.



Instructions Required

Please provide the following documentation for every case:

- Clear background and case details.
- A list of specific questions or points of dispute.
- Notification if the expert is instructed by one or as a Joint Expert.
- Witness statements, reports by other experts, and high-quality copies of hospital and GP records.



Report Turnaround

- Reports are produced no later than eight weeks.



Court Appearances

- At least 6 weeks' notice is required for court appearances.



Joint Statements


- I will aim to meet with the other expert and provide a jointly signed statement within 4 weeks when required.




Professional Responsibility

- I will use my experience, care, and skill to fulfil your instructions to the best of my ability. Please remember I am an independent witness.

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