
Clinical Negligence – Cerebral Palsy



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London WC1R 4BS

It is estimated that currently around 1 in 400 children born in the UK are affected by cerebral palsy, equating to around 1,800 new diagnosis each year. Children affected have widely differing and complex needs. Following on from our Cerebral Palsy Conference in 2015, this first CP training day will look at cerebral palsy from a clinical negligence point of view.

Brain Injury Group provides award winning specialist training from brain injury experts. Designed for personal injury lawyers (claimant and defendant) including barristers, our training is also highly relevant to insurers, case managers, other health and social care professionals working with brain injured individuals and those from charities which support people affected by brain injury.

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Agenda

9.30 Welcome from the Chair
Andrew Hannam, Enable Law

9.35 Introduction to Cerebral Palsy
Dr Charlie Fairhurst, Evelina London Children's Hospital

An overview of cerebral palsy including the different types, diagnosis, birth injury, neonatal injury and risk factors

10.20 Breach of duty – labour
Professor Tim Draycott, Southmead Hospital

This session will look at breach of duty during labour which would give rise to a clinical negligence claim

11.05 Refreshment break

11.20 Breach of duty/causation issues from a medical perspective – neonatal
Professor Simon Mitchell, Consultant Neonatologist, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester

This session will look at breach of duty and causation issues in neonatal injury which would give rise to a clinical negligence claim

12.05 Associated complications

Dr Jill Cadwgan, Evelina London Children's Hospital

Some people with CP will also have associated complications. This session will provide an overview of associated conditions including learning difficulties, epilepsy, communication difficulties, feeding and vision.

12.50 Lunch

13.35 The CP Pathway

Elizabeth Gray, Therapy Lead Children's Services, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

This session will look at what the CP Pathway is, how a child with cerebral palsy will follow the pathway and the treatment and rehabilitation available via the NHS.

14.20 Role of the case manager – practical challenges

Anita Reals, Independent Living Solutions

The role of the case manager is wide and varied. From liaising with the client, their families and legal advisers, to booking therapies, assisting with educational issues and arranging care packages. This session will look at the practical challenges involved in managing those relationships and arrangements.

15.05 Legal update on liability and quantum affecting CP cases

Henry Witcomb QC, 1 Crown Office Row

Periodical payments v lump sum settlement, combination claims and other current issues in CP claims

15.50 Questions and closing comments from Chair

For more information please email julie.mccarthy@braininjurygroup.co.uk.

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£95 + VAT for charities, students, healthcare and social care professionals

£190 + VAT for all other delegates

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Price includes refreshments, lunch and course materials which will be available to download.

Registration will commence at 9 am for a 9.30 am start and the day will finish around 4pm.

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About our speakers:

Andrew Hannam is a member of the clinical negligence and mental capacity teams at Enable Law. He has wide experience of investigating and litigating clinical negligence cases with a particular interest in birth injury/cerebral palsy claims and has concluded a number of multi-million pound settlements for children who were brain injured as a result of birth accidents.

Andrew has extensive experience in Court of Protection cases instructed on behalf of the Official Solicitor. Andrew's experience of acting for learning disabled adults has included acting as joint lead solicitor in the group action against Cornwall Partnership NHS Trust (a claim involving 160 claimants) and for families with members at Winterbourne View.

Andrew is also an accredited mediator and founding Chairman of the Association of South West Mediators. He is also a past president of the Bristol Medico-Legal Society, a member of the Law Society's Clinical Negligence Panel and on the referral panel for Action against Medical Accidents

Dr Charlie Fairhurst is head of children's neurosciences at Evelina London.

He works in a number of specialist teams involved in the management of children with motor difficulties, in particular cerebral palsy. In combination with the orthopaedic teams and gait analysis laboratory, they ensure that children are provided with comprehensive movement therapy at all ages and stages of ability.

Charlie is very experienced in the management of these difficulties, in particular the use of Botulinum Toxin A (Botox) in this group of children, to improve upper and lower limb function, comfort, care, and reduce saliva loss. He is the UK representative on a number of international working parties and is currently the chair of the national NICE guidelines in cerebral palsy.

He sits on the executive boards of the British Academy of Childhood Disability and the British Paediatric Neurology Association and is the chair of the RCPCH's Specialist Advisory Committee on Neurodisability.

Charlie is a trustee of Whizz-Kidz and works closely with a large number of other charities that work to support children and their families.

Dr Jill Cadwgan joined Evelina London as a consultant in children's neurodisability in 2016.

Previously she worked as a consultant in child development and neurodisability at the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle. During this time she was the clinical lead in neurodisability, coordinating the regional service for the North.

She is the Honorary Secretary of the British Academy of Childhood Disability, and a trustee of the Northeast Special Needs Network.

Her special interests include :

- Management of motor disorders
- Feeding, nutrition and visual impairment in children with cerebral palsy and other complex medical and developmental needs
- Facilitating participation and improving function in children with cerebral palsy and other complex medical and developmental needs

Professor Tim Draycott is Professor of Obstetrics, Southmead Hospital & University of Bristol. He trained in London and the south west of England with valuable time spent working in France, Sweden and South Africa. Professor Draycott has been a Consultant Obstetrician at Southmead Hospital since 2002 and a Health Foundation Improvement Science Fellow since 2012.

Over the last 14 years Tim has led the development of a completely new academic department in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at North Bristol that is now recognised as a world leading intrapartum and safety research centre. He leads and manages a multi-professional research group with 49 staff; including 2 senior lecturers, 3 Clinical Lecturers, 5 PhD students, 5 Academic Clinical Fellows with a parallel, matching midwifery research infrastructure and University of Bristol non-clinical research fellow.

Professor Simon Mitchell is a consultant neonatologist at St Mary's Hospital Manchester and honorary professor at University of Salford. After undergraduate medical training in Dundee he completed postgraduate training in paediatrics and neonatology in London, Oxford, Birmingham and Toronto. MD awarded for thesis exploring genetic aspects in cerebral palsy. Interests include neonatal ventilation and respiratory support, neonatal resuscitation, care of the well newborn and medicolegal aspects of neonatology, particular perinatal asphyxia and causation in perinatally acquired brain injury.

Elizabeth Gray is the Children's Therapy Lead at Chelsea & Westminster NHS Foundation Trust, Professional Lead for Physiotherapy and Deputy Head of Therapies. Elizabeth qualified as a Chartered Physiotherapist in 1985 from The Joint Services School of Physiotherapy, RAF Halton. Elizabeth was Chair of the Association Of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists from 2014 – 2017. She is Co-chair of the Health Education England North West London AHP Forum and represents Paediatric Physiotherapy on the Children with Complex Needs SEND NHS England Board.

Prior to her current role at Chelsea & Westminster Elizabeth was Principle Physiotherapist and clinical Team Lead at Dr Gray Hospital NHS Grampian where she specialised in Early intervention and Complex Needs within an acute community and outpatient children's service.

Anita Reals is a Case Manager, who has worked for ILS Ltd since 2010.

In this role she works primarily with children who have cerebral palsy and their families. Anita's professional background is as a specialist paediatric Occupational Therapist, working for a local charity in a multi-disciplinary team treating children with neurodevelopmental delay.

It is the combination of these experiences which Anita draws upon to enable her to develop a good working relationship and rapport with her clients and families, which is at the heart of best case management practice.

Henry Witcomb QC has a practice specialising in clinical negligence, personal injury, public authority liability and inquest representation and has been involved in several of the leading cases in these fields. In the clinical negligence field, Henry has particular expertise in dealing with cases involving birth-related catastrophic injury, and claims involving wrongful death and wrongful birth.

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