
Brain Injury - Hydrocephalus



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Hydrocephalus is a build up of fluid on the brain. The excess fluid puts pressure on the brain, which can damage it. If left untreated, it can be fatal. Often associated with clinical negligence, hydrocephalus can also result from a traumatic brain injury. The impact can be very wide, potentially leading to problems with mobility and balance, visual and speech complications, fine and gross motor skill difficulties and widespread cognitive impairment.

On 5 June, we are holding a training day looking in-depth at hydrocephalus. The first two sessions of the day will focus on hydrocephalus caused through clinical negligence, before moving on to sessions relevant to both clinical negligence and traumatic brain injury. We will then end the day looking at the legal complexities of hydrocephalus caused by clinical negligence.

Whilst this day has been designed primarily for clinical negligence lawyers, it is highly relevant to personal injury lawyers who deal with traumatic brain injury claims, case managers, health care professionals, insurers and charities who support people with a brain injury.

Brain Injury Group is accredited by APIL Training and provides award winning specialist training from brain injury experts. Designed for catastrophic 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.

AGENDA

Welcome from the Chair

Introduction to hydrocephalus – diagnosis and breach of duty/negligence – Dr Gayatri Vadlamani, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Leeds General Infirmary

This session will provide an overview of types of hydrocephalus, diagnosis and breach of duty/negligence including failure to diagnose shunt malfunction and delay in diagnosis.

Causation issues from a medical perspective – Ian Pople, North Bristol NHS Trust

A look at causation issues of hydrocephalus which could give rise to a clinical negligence claim.

Treatment of hydrocephalus - Mr John Goodden, Consultant Neurosurgeon (Adult & Paediatric), Leeds General Infirmary

A look at how hydrocephalus is treated with surgery, including shunt surgery, ETV, the impact of timing of treatment and complications post-surgery including ongoing shunt issues

The Impact of hydrocephalus on families – Katherine Pearce (mum to Oliver, aged 6) and Naomi Marston, Shine

A parents account of the impact of hydrocephalus and how the charity, Shine, can support families living with hydrocephalus and spina bifida.

Vision – John Elston, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Oxford University Hospitals, Royal Berks Hospital and Birmingham Children’s Hospital

This session will provide information on potential issues with vision for people with hydrocephalus, what an ophthalmologist will test for, how testing is carried out, and treatments.

Behavioural issues - Dr James Tonks, Consultant Neuropsychologist, Haven Psychology

A look at how understanding language, concentration, short term memory and processing information can impact on behaviour and strategies for managing challenging behaviour.

Material contribution and divisibility of injury – Dr Simon Fox QC, No 5 Chambers

- ✿ Which injuries are caused by hydrocephalus and would have been avoided but for the breach of duty.
- ✿ Which injuries are caused by a primary injury that caused the hydrocephalus (eg bleed, tumour) and might be unavoidable.
- ✿ How material contribution arguments can be pleaded to recover for all injuries.

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£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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For more information about the charity, **Shine**, please visit their website www.shinecharity.org.uk

About our speakers:

Ian Pople has been a Consultant Neurosurgeon in Bristol, England since 1995, having previously trained at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street in London, in Bristol and in Memphis, Tennessee. He has published over 60 peer-reviewed papers on adult and paediatric neurosurgery (majority of these on hydrocephalus) and was publication secretary of the Society for Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida from 2000 to 2004 and Clinical Director of Neurosciences at Frenchay Hospital in Bristol from 2004 to 2010. Between 2009 and 2012 he was part of the Safe & Sustainable Paediatric Neurosurgery Services review, chairing the Standards Working Group, which was tasked with developing a comprehensive set of Paediatric Neurosurgical Standards. Since 2012 he has been Chair or member of the NHS England Paediatric Neurosciences Clinical Reference Group and is involved in current discussions about the role of neurosurgical networks in maintaining standards of care.

Dr Gayatri Vadlamani was appointed Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon at Leeds General Infirmary in January 2005. She is also Honorary Senior Lecturer at Leeds University. As on call consultant she is responsible for day to day management of acute neurological disorders including traumatic brain injury, brain tumours, hydrocephalus, epilepsy and stroke. In addition, Dr Vadlamani has a regular commitment to teaching and training in paediatric neurology and epilepsy and since 2011 has been the clinical effectiveness coordinator for the British Paediatric Neurology Association, liaising with the Royal College and NICE in developing guidelines and maintaining clinical standards.

Mr John Goodden was appointed Consultant Neurosurgeon (Adult & Paediatric) in Leeds in 2010. Prior to this he had undertaken Specialist Fellowships in Paediatric Neurosurgery at the Hôpital Necker - Enfants Malades (Paris, Visiting Fellow), and at Alder Hey Children's Hospital (Liverpool, National Training Fellow).

Katherine Pearce lives in Devon with her husband, daughter Sophie, age 16, and son Oliver, age 6 who was diagnosed with hydrocephalus age 12 weeks and left hemiplegia at 11 months. Over the last 6 years, Oliver has undergone neurosurgery on three occasions for hydrocephalus and shunt complications. Katherine has experienced the joys as well as the trials and tribulations of being a parent to a child with hydrocephalus and a neuro-disability and has learned a lot on the journey.

Naomi Marston has 27 years experience working with disabled children and their families. Specialising in Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus for the past 12 years with Shine, supporting professionals, families and members from cradle to grave.

John Elston has over 25 years' experience as a consultant neuro-ophthalmologist in areas including intracranial tumours and raised intracranial pressure, optic neuropathies and disorders of eye movement. In addition, he has specialist expertise and experience in the areas of paediatric ophthalmology including non-accidental head injury in infancy, perinatal hypoxia, cerebral visual impairment and visual development.

Dr James Tonks is managing director of Haven Clinical Psychology Practice. This is a practice made up of Clinical Neuropsychologists and Psychologists, Speech & Language Therapists and Education Specialists that offer expertise in providing complex neuropsychological expert witness and treatment work with children and young adults up-to 25 years after brain injury. This includes both criminal and civil work, and mental capacity assessments for various purposes. has a Ph.D. from the University of Exeter in the field of Paediatric Neuropsychology. He is an Honorary Lecturer at the University of Exeter Medical School, and Visiting Fellow in Paediatric Neuropsychology & Neuroscience at the University of Lincoln.

Dr Simon Fox QC is a medically qualified specialist clinical negligence silk with over 20 years' experience. Within clinical negligence, he specializes in cases with difficult and complicated issues on breach of duty where his medical qualification enables him to better understand the full breadth of the potential issues, get the most from the experts, present the client's case at its best and cross-examine effectively.

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