

# Dr Pamela Crawford

## CV

### PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

MB.ChB. MD FRCP

**Consultant Neurologist**

### QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

MB. ChB. 1978

MRCP (UK) 1981

MD 1986 (Liverpool University)

Accreditation in Neurology 1989

FRCP (UK) 1995

Liverpool University Medical School 1973-78

### POSITIONS

**Consultant Neurologist**, York District Hospital 1990 - 2015

**Director of the Special Centre for Epilepsy**, York District Hospital (now York Hospital), 1990 - 2015

**Visiting Professor of Community Neurology**, Leeds Metropolitan University, 1998 - 2015

**External Examiner for MSc in Epilepsy**, University of Birmingham, 2000-2006

**External Examiner for Department of Psychology**, University of Gloucestershire, 2015

**Neurology Adviser:** Drugs & Therapeutics Bulletin 1990-1998

**Associate Editor:** Seizure 1995-2005

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

I was appointed Consultant Neurologist with a special interest in epilepsy in 1990 in York. My job was to provide general neurological services to the City of York and to run a Specialist Epilepsy Centre until retiring in 2015. I established a six-weekly joint Neurology/Learning Disability clinic with my Learning Disability colleagues which predominantly looked at behaviour problems and epilepsy in people with learning disabilities from a wide variety of causes. This clinic was listed in government reports on learning disability as providing a gold standard service. In York Hospital I managed patients with acute severe head injuries after transfer back from a neurosurgical centre or on admission to hospital as there was no rehabilitation specialist service in York. I was involved in their rehabilitation until they were deemed stable enough to be transferred to a long-term rehabilitation unit. I also dealt with patients with acute brain injury from a variety of causes, in particular hypoxia.

### MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I currently undertake reports that relate to neurological injuries and problems, in particularly those that relate to complex head injuries or epilepsy. I will see clients from age 12 but am willing to prepare reports about younger clients regarding their prognosis in respect of epilepsy and neurological problems when they reach adulthood.

Medical reports: approximately 100 per year; about 25% for claimants, 75% for defendants. I began undertaking reports in 1990.

With regard to medical negligence claims, I am prepared to write reports only where the negligence is related to a client's seizure disorder or its medication or a head injury.

I have been asked to give expert reports for the Medical Defence Societies, Coroners and the Ombudsman.

I have appeared in court as an expert witness on five occasions and am asked to act as an expert witness in trials involving seizure disorders.

- Certificate in Medical Reporting: Whiplash Associated Disorder, awarded in June 2013