

Dr Pamela Crawford

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

MB.ChB. MD FRCP

Consultant Neurologist

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

- Liverpool University Medical School 1973-78
- MB. ChB. 1978
- MRCP (UK) 1981
- MD 1986 (Liverpool University)
- Accreditation in Neurology 1989
- FRCP (UK) 1995
- Certificate in Medical Reporting: Whiplash Associated Disorder, June 2013

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

Dr Crawford was appointed Consultant Neurologist with a special interest in epilepsy in 1990 in York. She provided general neurological services for the City of York and led a Specialist Epilepsy Centre until her retirement in 2015.

She established a six-weekly joint Neurology and Learning Disability clinic with her Learning Disability colleagues, focusing mainly on behaviour problems and epilepsy in people with learning disabilities arising from a wide range of causes. This clinic was recognised in government reports on learning disability as a gold-standard service.

At York Hospital, she managed patients with acute severe head injuries following transfer from a neurosurgical centre or direct admission, as there was no rehabilitation specialist service in the area. She oversaw their rehabilitation until they were stable enough for transfer to a long-term rehabilitation unit.

She also managed patients with acute brain injury from various causes, particularly hypoxia.

MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Dr Crawford undertakes reports relating to neurological injuries and conditions. She completes around 100 medical reports each year, with roughly 25% instructed by claimants and 75% by defendants. She has worked in medico-legal practice since 1990.

For medical negligence work, she provides reports only where the alleged negligence concerns a seizure disorder, the medication used to treat it, or a head injury.

She has been instructed by the Medical Defence Societies, Coroners and the Ombudsman. She has given evidence in court on five occasions and continues to act as an expert witness in trials involving seizure disorders.