

"Gross Negligence Manslaughter in Healthcare" Any need to panic?

Speaker Short Biographies

Sir Norman Williams: is Emeritus Professor of Surgery University of London and former President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He is Senior clinical advisor to Secretary of State for Health and was the Chairman for the recent report on 'Gross Negligence Manslaughter in Healthcare'.

Mr Ian Stern QC: has been a Queen's Counsel since 2006. He undertakes a variety of regulatory and criminal cases, many of which have been very high profile. Over the last 14 years he has acted for numerous health professionals, particularly doctors at what is now the MPTS. Of relevance to this meeting, over the last three years he has represented a number of those accused of gross negligence manslaughter before the criminal courts, including the first optician to have been charged with such an offence. Most recently, he represented Dr Sellu before the MPTS when the GMC sought to bring the same underlying allegation, following Dr Sellu having his criminal conviction quashed by the Court of Appeal. Ian was appointed Vice-Chair of the Williams Review. He sits as a Recorder in the Crown Court and is presently appointed to sit at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey).

Mr Richard Furniss: is a barrister well known for his extensive experience of clinical negligence acting on behalf of both claimants and defendants. He routinely handles cases concerning cerebral palsy, as well as a range of catastrophic injury claims. He is also renowned for his personal injury advocacy. He has been involved in some terrorism cases and is sitting as an Assistant Coroner in South West London.

Mr Bertie Leigh: is Ex Senior partner at Hempsons Solicitors with extensive experience in clinical negligence, commonly acting for doctors and the NHS litigation authority (now NHS Resolution). He is the former Chairman of NCEPOD and is a Non-Executive Director on the Board of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Stanmore. He is a member of the Gross Negligence Manslaughter Committee advising the GMC.

This meeting is sponsored by

