

Independent review of gross negligence manslaughter and culpable homicide

Working group members

Leslie Hamilton - Chair



Leslie Hamilton was a cardiac surgeon for 25 years, spending 16 years as a consultant paediatric surgeon. He now works as a medical expert in clinical negligence cases and a specialist advisor at the Care Quality Commission. Leslie gave evidence to the Bristol Inquiry – the investigation into the deaths of 29 infants undergoing heart surgery at the Bristol Royal infirmary in the late 1980s and early 1990s – and co-authored the Clinical Case Note Review. This prompted his interest in medico-legal aspects of practice and he was later the president of the North of England Medico-legal Society from 2015-17. Leslie was also a member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons and was president of the Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery from 2008 – 2010.

Selva Ramasamy QC – Legal Advisor



Selva Ramasamy QC has over 20 years of experience in regulatory and criminal law, with a particular focus on cases involving doctors and other healthcare professionals. He is often involved in the most serious types of regulatory cases where there is concurrent investigation by the police and regulators. In his criminal practice, he prosecutes and defends. Similarly, in his regulatory practice, he acts for regulators and defends. He has considerable experience with difficult and sensitive inquests arising from medical, police and military action. These areas of practice have allowed him to develop particular skill in dealing with complex scientific and technical evidence. He sits as a Recorder (part time judge) in the Crown Court. He is a Member of the Bar Standards Board Prosecuting Counsel Panel for Disciplinary Hearings. In his career he has been an elected member of the Bar Council, a member of the Criminal Bar Association Committee; and a member of the Bar's Race Relations Committee.

Vivienne Parry OBE – Lay Advisor



A scientist by training, Vivienne Parry hosts medical programmes for Radio 4, writes widely on health, presents films, facilitates many high level conferences and debates and trains young researchers. She also has a part time role as head of engagement at Genomics England which is delivering the 100,000 Genomes Project – a revolutionary project to identify how best to use genomics in healthcare and how best to interpret the data to help patients. In September 2017, she was appointed to the board of UK Research & Innovation

Dr Clare Gerada MBE



Dr Clare Gerada is the Medical Director of the Practitioner Health Programme and is an elected member of the BMA Council. Clare has held a number of local and national leadership positions, including Director of Primary Care for the National Clinical Governance Team and Senior Medical Advisor to the Department of Health. Clare was awarded an MBE in the Millennium Birthday Honours in 2000 for services to medicine and substance misuse.

Professor Pali Hungin OBE



Pali Hungin is a Professor of Primary Care and General Practice and was previously the Dean of Medicine at Durham University and BMA president in 2016. Pali became a GP in Eaglescliffe, Stockton on Tees, whilst maintaining a specialist interest in gastroenterology as a hospital practitioner. He was appointed Professor of General Practice and Primary Care at Durham University in 1998. He became their Foundation Dean of Medicine and the Head of School in 2002. Pali was responsible for initiating the research support networking movement in the UK, initially in primary care, and led the NHS Research and Development Forum (England). Pali received an OBE for services to research in 2000.

Professor Iqbal Singh OBE



Professor Iqbal Singh continues to be a major contributor to healthcare and medical regulation in the UK. An experienced clinician specialising in care of the elderly, pioneer in ethnic health and diversity, combined with board level GMC and Healthcare Commission service, he demonstrates a track record in regulatory, inspection, education and patient safety experience. Iqbal has made significant contributions in promoting equality, diversity and human rights within the NHS and more widely, nationally and internationally. As chair of the Expert Reference Group on Patient Safety at the Healthcare Commission (later becoming the Care Quality Commission), Iqbal led their strategy on developing criteria to assess safety standards. Working with a team of clinical and lay international experts, he produced the standards and guidance which formed the basis of the Annual Health Check of the Healthcare Commission.

Dr Jude Tweedie



Jude Tweedie is a cardiology trainee originally based in Belfast. Jude has extensive experience as a trainee in leadership roles including as a Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management National Medical Director fellow, a Royal College of Physicians (London) Clinical Fellow, spearheading a number of key policy and improvement projects. Jude is currently a research fellow to the president of the Royal College of Physicians focusing on professionalism, professional identity formation and unprofessional behaviours and is completing an MD in medical education at UCL.

Liz McAnulty



Liz McAnulty began her career as a nurse, then a midwife in clinical practice and education and management. Liz then worked in professional regulation, firstly at the Nursing and Midwifery Council. In addition, Liz studied law and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2000. On her retirement, Liz was appointed as a Trustee of the Patients Association and was elected Chair in 2016. She stepped down from this role in February 2018. Liz's working life has been committed to helping improve health and social care for patients and clients, through high standards of practice and ensuring patients have an effective voice.

Bertie Leigh



Bertie has conducted many of the leading cases in clinical negligence and regulatory law during the past 30 years. His areas of specialism are clinical negligence, professional regulation and training, NHS administration and employment law. Bertie is the Non-Executive Director of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital and the Chair of the Clinical Disputes Forum. He is also an advisor to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, as well as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Fellow ad eundem of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Bertie was a member of the Civil Justice Council's Clinical Negligence Committee from 2003 – 2006 and the Chair of the National Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death from 2009 – 2015.

Dr Iain Wallace



Iain is currently the Medical Director of NHS Lanarkshire. He practised as a GP Principal in the south-side of Glasgow for 10 years before being appointed as the Medical Director of Greater Glasgow Primary Care Trust in 1999. In 2005 he became the Associate Medical Director for the Women and Children's Directorate in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and for a time combined this role with being interim Medical Director of NHS Quality Improvement Scotland. He was appointed the Medical Director of NHS Forth Valley in 2010 before moving to the same role in Lanarkshire in June 2013.

Iain is an Honorary Professor in the School of Health and Life Sciences, Glasgow Caledonian University and an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor in the College of Medicine, Veterinary and Life Sciences, University of Glasgow. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners and a trustee and Founding Senior Fellow of the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management. Until recently Iain was co-chair of the Scottish Association of Medical Directors. He currently chairs the Single National Formulary Governance Group and also is co-chair of the Managed Service Network for Children and Young People with Cancer in Scotland.

Iain is passionate about quality improvement and has a particular interest in how quality improvement techniques are applied to improve patient safety and prescribing practice.