



Dr Terence McLoughlin

Emergency Medicine Consultant & Expert Witness

Specialist in emergency medicine breach of duty, traumatic brain injury, acute neurological deterioration, and high-acuity clinical decision-making in civil, criminal, and coronial proceedings.

Over 250 medico-legal reports completed since 2022.

Claimant: 70% | Defendant: 25% | Joint Single Expert & Other instructions: 5%

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Expert Witness Profile

Dr Terence McLoughlin is a practising Emergency Medicine Consultant and Expert Witness with specialist expertise in emergency department decision-making, traumatic brain injury, concussion, acute neurological deterioration, intoxication-related presentations, criminal injury, coronial matters, and medical causation in time-critical emergency care. An Emergency Medicine Consultant since 2018, he continues to practise within a major tertiary NHS teaching hospital, maintaining day-to-day consultant responsibility for the assessment, investigation, escalation, treatment, and disposition of high-acuity emergency presentations.

Dr McLoughlin provides independent medico-legal reports for civil, criminal, and coronial proceedings. Reports are personally prepared, CPR Part 35-compliant where applicable, and grounded in current frontline consultant practice. He understands and complies with the duties of an expert witness, including the overriding duty to provide independent, objective, and unbiased opinion within his area of expertise. His practice is particularly suited to cases requiring detailed analysis of emergency medicine decision-making, contemporaneous clinical judgment, escalation, risk stratification, and whether alleged failures in care materially contributed to injury, deterioration, or death.

Dr McLoughlin holds senior professional leadership roles including President of the Emergency & Disaster Medicine Council at the Royal Society of Medicine, Deputy Clinical Director of Research, Group Director of the Emergency Medicine-led Research Departmental Unit (LEDRUS), and Clinical Sepsis Lead at University Hospitals of Liverpool Group. He also holds senior resuscitation and training roles as Medical Director and Instructor for Advanced Life Support (ALS) with Resuscitation Council UK, Instructor for Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS), and Instructor for the Prehospital Emergency Resuscitative Thoracotomy (PERT) course at the Royal College of Surgeons.

Areas of Instruction

Civil Litigation & Clinical Negligence

- Emergency medicine breach of duty
- Delayed or missed diagnosis
- Failure to investigate, monitor, escalate, or refer
- Premature discharge and inadequate safety-netting
- Sepsis and acute deterioration
- Medication and prescribing errors
- Emergency resuscitation and escalation
- Personal injury and catastrophic injury
- Condition and prognosis reporting
- Medical causation and material contribution analysis

Criminal Proceedings & Custodial Medicine

- Assault and criminal injury
- Head injury and neurological deterioration
- Intoxication and altered consciousness
- Restraint-related collapse
- Police custody and detention medicine
- Failure to provide appropriate medical care
- Drink-driving related medical opinion
- Fitness to plead and vulnerability-related opinion

Coronial & Inquest Work

- Death following emergency or acute medical presentation
- Coroners' reports and inquests
- Sudden collapse and unexpected death

- Acute deterioration and escalation failures
- Emergency medicine standards of care
- Sepsis-related death

Neurological Injury & Trauma

- Traumatic brain injury and concussion
- Post-concussion syndrome
- Acute neurological deterioration
- Neuropsychiatric sequelae of injury
- Complex injury and trauma
- Capacity and functional impact following injury

Medicolegal Practice

Dr McLoughlin established The McLoughlin Medical Group Limited in 2022 and provides independent expert opinion in emergency medicine, traumatic injury, acute neurological deterioration, and high-acuity emergency care. His practice centres on forensic analysis of time-critical clinical presentations, including emergency assessment, escalation, risk stratification, clinical deterioration, and medical causation. He is routinely instructed across civil, criminal, and coronial proceedings in matters concerning breach of duty, causation, condition and prognosis, clinical negligence, personal injury, and emergency medical management.

Criminal Proceedings

Dr McLoughlin is regularly instructed in criminal proceedings involving assault, serious injury, traumatic brain injury, concussion, altered consciousness, intoxication-related presentations, behavioural disturbance, restraint, and acute neurological deterioration. He provides independent expert opinion regarding mechanism of injury, timing and progression of harm, emergency assessment and management, clinical deterioration, and medical causation.

Particular expertise includes high-risk, time-critical presentations where intoxication, restraint, collapse, neurological injury, or alleged failure to provide appropriate medical care form part of the factual matrix. His criminal work also includes drink-driving matters involving impairment, alternative medical explanations, and medical causes of apparent intoxication, together with opinion regarding capacity, vulnerability, and fitness-related issues arising in emergency or custodial settings.

Coronial Proceedings & Inquests

Dr McLoughlin undertakes coronial work relating to death following emergency or acute medical presentation. He is instructed in matters involving acute deterioration, sepsis, traumatic injury, intoxication-related collapse, neurological deterioration, sudden unexpected death, and alleged failures in emergency medical assessment, escalation, monitoring, referral, or treatment.

Coronial practice includes preparation of expert reports and provision of oral evidence at inquest, with detailed analysis of emergency department decision-making, causation, and whether the standard of care provided was appropriate in the circumstances.

Clinical Negligence, Breach of Duty & Causation

Dr McLoughlin provides independent expert opinion on breach of duty and causation across emergency and acute care pathways, with particular expertise in high-acuity and time-critical emergency presentations. Instructions commonly involve delayed or missed diagnosis, failure to investigate, treatment delay, inadequate monitoring, failure to escalate or refer, prescribing error, premature discharge, and alleged failures in emergency assessment or management. Reports address the standard of care expected of an Emergency Medicine Consultant within pressured and resource-variable clinical environments.

Condition & Prognosis

Dr McLoughlin is regularly instructed to provide condition and prognosis reports following acute injury or illness presenting to emergency care, with particular expertise in concussion, post-concussion syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and acute neurological deterioration. His work includes assessment of persistent post-traumatic symptoms, cognitive and functional impairment, neuropsychiatric sequelae, vulnerability, and longer-term neurological outcome, including cases where causation, symptom evolution, or prognosis remain disputed.

Capacity Assessments

Dr McLoughlin provides expert opinion regarding capacity, cognition, and medical vulnerability arising in the context of acute illness, intoxication, traumatic brain injury, concussion, amnesia, acute neurological injury, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and other neurodegenerative conditions. Particular expertise includes assessment of decision-making capacity, cognitive impairment, vulnerability, and functional impact in emergency, custodial, post-injury, and litigation settings, together with opinion regarding fitness to participate in legal proceedings where relevant.

Sports-Related Concussion & Repetitive Head Injury

Dr McLoughlin has additional specialist experience in sports-related concussion, repetitive head injury, persistent post-concussion symptoms, and long-term neurological sequelae following professional and elite-level sporting exposure. He is currently instructed in High Court litigation involving Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) for former professional sports athletes.

Research & Academic Expertise

Dr McLoughlin is Deputy Clinical Director of Research and Group Director of the Emergency Medicine-led Research Departmental Unit (LEDRUS) at University Hospitals of Liverpool Group. His research portfolio includes emergency medicine, traumatic brain injury, acute neurological injury, sepsis, respiratory illness, emergency deterioration, and acute decision-making.

He serves as Principal Investigator on NIHR-funded and commercial clinical trials including DRAFT-3, PRONTO, EVIS, TILLI, RESTART, CRASH4, BRAINS-TBI, and POS-ARI-ER. In the private sector, he also acts as Principal Investigator on international commercial clinical trials involving Alzheimer's disease, dementia, migraine, and other neurodegenerative disorders.

Practical Information for Instructing Parties

Typical turnaround time is approximately 2–3 weeks from receipt of formal instructions and complete records, depending on complexity.

Available for conferences with counsel.

Preliminary case screening may be considered by prior arrangement.

Professional Memberships & Appointments

- Emergency Medicine Consultant – Royal Liverpool University Hospital
- President, Emergency & Disaster Medicine Council – Royal Society of Medicine
- Honorary Fellow – Royal Society of Medicine
- Fellow – Royal College of Emergency Medicine
- Affiliate Member – Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, Royal College of Physicians
- Deputy Clinical Director of Research – University Hospitals of Liverpool Group
- Group Director – Emergency Medicine-led Research Departmental Unit (LEDRUS)
- Sepsis Lead – Royal Liverpool University Hospital