

Mr Martin Heaton

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Consultant in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery



Mr Martin Heaton, MD FRCS, FRCS(PLAST), Consultant Plastic Surgeon. Mr Heaton undertakes the full range of expert advice from second opinions to formal medicolegal reports including Medical Negligence, Personal Injury and Causation and Prognosis Reports.

Mr Heaton has been instructed by both claimant and defendant solicitors, is a recognised expert witness for the General Medical Council and provides opinions and reports for the Welsh, Scottish and English Public Health Service Ombudsmen.

Mr Heaton is able to offer opinions on General Plastic Surgery, including scars, outcomes following repair, acute hand surgery and trauma etc as well as in his specialist fields of skin cancer, reconstruction and head and neck surgery.

With nine years' experience as a Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Mr Heaton has a wealth of experience when dealing with contentious matters.

Having graduated from The University of Nottingham Medical School in 1992, he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1996 and subsequently obtained a doctorate (MD) from the University of Sheffield for research into reconstructed skin.



Mr Heaton passed the Intercollegiate Specialty Board examination in 2006 and was added to the GMC specialist register in the specialty of plastic surgery in 2008. A consultant appointment at the Leicester Royal Infirmary followed in January 2009 with a specialist interest in breast reconstruction. Since July 2010 Mr Heaton has been a consultant plastic surgeon at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Foundation NHS Trust.

• Areas of expertise:

- Assessment and management of scars and complex wounds.
- Reconstruction of post-traumatic and post treatment tissue defects of all parts of the body using the full range of plastic surgery techniques including microsurgery.
 - Management of head and neck and skin cancer.

Scope of Practice:

Mr Heaton works entirely within the NHS. He has considerable experience of head, neck and skin cancer, reconstruction of post-traumatic and post-treatment defects of all parts of the body using the full range of plastic surgery techniques including microsurgery. Mr Heaton is able to advise on those aspects of aesthetic surgery that until recently were available on the NHS. This includes breast augmentation, breast reduction, abdominoplasty, liposuction and fat transfer.

Presentations:

I have presented, chaired sessions and been invited faculty at a variety of plastic surgery, head and neck and skin cancer meetings.

Expert Witness Experience:

Mr Heaton has attended the Bond Solon 'Excellence in Report Writing, course. Mr Heaton has prepared Personal Injury and Causation and Prognosis Reports for both claimant and defence solicitors. Mr Heaton is an approved expert witness for the General Medical Council (4 – 5 expert witness reports per annum) and regularly prepares reports for the Scottish Public Health Service Ombudsman and the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (10 – 15 cases per annum).

Mr Heaton is a member of the National Expert Witness Association and The Federation of Forensic and Expert Witnesses.



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