

CURRICULUM VITAE

Mr Mathew Denton

Specialist Chartered Paediatric Physiotherapist

Expert in orthopaedic rehabilitation, musculoskeletal
physiotherapy and trauma recovery.

**CHARTERED PHYSIOTHERAPIST AND REGISTERED WITH THE
HEALTH AND CARE PROFESSION'S COUNCIL**

CSP HCPC

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Location

Located in Sheffield – although provides *national coverage* for medicolegal reporting and assessments. Desktop reporting and clinical or home assessments available.

Medicolegal experience

Medicolegal Obligations

Mr Denton is a Medicolegal Expert with an established practice and administrative support. He has undertaken personal injury work and is experienced in medical negligence of physiotherapy cases. He has prepared reports for both claimant and defendant, is fully conversant with the implications of the Civil Justice reforms Part 35, for experts and has attended court. He understands his overriding duty as an independent expert is to the Court.

Cases undertaken:

Physiotherapy Negligence /Rehabilitation /Assessment of future physiotherapy needs / NHSLA / Desktop assessments / Nationwide home examination / Review of physiotherapy as in or out-patient care /Breach of Duty /Quantum / Single Joint Expert.

Ratio of cases for defendant: claimant 50:50

Mr Denton is conversant with the CPR rules Part 35 and is aware of his obligations as an Expert Witness. He has attended court and undertakes in the region of 30-40 cases per year.

Physiotherapy qualifications, background information and professional groups

Subject/Qualification	Place of study	Grade/Result	Year obtained
Physiotherapy/BSc	Sheffield Hallam	1st	2008
Biology/BSc	Nottingham University	2(ii)	1993

Relevant Training Courses Attended

Course title completed	Training provider	Duration	Year
Paediatric splint/serial casting.	St. Bartholomew.	2 days	2016
Haemophilia.	HCPA	2 days.	201
Paediatric Brain Tumours	Royal Marsden	1 day	2014
Cystic Fibrosis Treatment & practice	Royal Marsden	2 days	2014
Paediatric Sporting/MSK Injuries	Physio UK	2 Days	2014
Osteopathic Techniques for Physios	Cameron Reid Training	5 days	2013
Bobath Intro Courses	BBTA	3 x 2 days	2012
Kinetic Control Movement Dysfunction	Mark Comerford	3 x 2days	2012
Acupuncture for Physiotherapists	NCORE	3 x 2days	2011

Membership of Professional Bodies

HPCP: Professional body and membership Health and Care Professionals Council ~ Physiotherapist. Membership/Registration number Ph88934

CSP: Membership of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

AACP: Association of Acupuncture Chartered Physiotherapists.

ACPP: Association of Chartered Paediatric Physiotherapists.

Current/most recent employer

Sheffield Childrens Hospital
 Western Bank
 Sheffield
 S10 2TH
Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist
 Start date 09/2012

Employer name Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
 Oxford Road
 Manchester
 M13 9WL
Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist
 Start date 04/2012
 End date 09/2012
 Grade Band 6

Employer name Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Fountain Street,
Ashton-under-Lyne,
OL6 9RW
Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist
Start date 01/2012
End date 04/2012
Grade Band 6

Employer name Nottingham University Hospitals NHS trust
Nottingham City Hospital
Hucknall Road, Nottingham, NG5 1PB
QMC
Derby Road, Nottingham, NG7 2UH
Senior 2 Physiotherapist
Start date 01/2011
End date 01/2012
Grade Band 6

Employer name Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Uttoxeter New Rd, Derby DE22 3NE
Physiotherapist
Start date 04/2009
End date 12/2010
Grade Band 5

Employer name Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
Bestwood Lodge Drive
Arnold

Nottingham NG5 8PD
Type of business Emergency Service
Reporting to (Job title) Station Officer
Telephone 0115 967 0880
Your job title Leading Firefighter
Start date 01/1999
End date 12/2005

Personal Statement

Since qualifying as a physiotherapist I have worked across a variety of trusts seeking to gain experience. Unlike most I have chosen to complete "core" rotations i.e. respiratory, MSK and neurology, not just as a band 5 but again as a band 6 in adults, before choosing to specialise in paediatrics. This means I have a broad variety of experience across all disciplines prior to coming to work in paediatrics.

With an extensive background of MSK physiotherapy which continues in my own private practice focussing on MSK rehabilitation of a mixture of paediatric and adult patients. It has also meant that I have undertaken external training in osteopathic handling techniques, acupuncture, lower limb specific injuries and Parts 1 & 2 of Sid Ahmed's sporting injuries in the paediatric and adolescent population.

I have worked in 3 paediatric trusts providing musculoskeletal care for both outpatients and in-patients including PLRS whilst additionally ensuring I was an active part of the weekend and emergency on call rota maintaining my respiratory skills.

My passion for MSK and related disciplines has been a long standing part of my development as a physiotherapist, beginning in Derby Royal Infirmary, continuing in Nottinghamshire as a Band 6 on the MSK rotation, before commencing with MSK in paediatrics across educated MSK, rheumatology and burns

Since that time I have had a variety of experience in hand rehabilitation in both adult and paediatric including private practice where I have successfully rehabilitated 2 world class rock climbers from A1 and A2 pulley ruptures, back to pre-injury competition status and a mixture of martial artists, boxers and rugby players from varying severity of hand injuries. Whilst part of the burns and plastics rotation I have additionally been involved with rehabilitation of flexor and extensor tendon repair, syndactyly and congenital thumb deformities.

Sheffield Children's Hospital is one of only 4 dedicated children's trusts in England and is a *centre of excellence for a number of specialities* outside this in more recent times the service has offered training courses in the MSK setting to help physiotherapists from other trusts uprate their skills to serve their own communities, which demonstrates its consistent desire to improve service provision and the care of children something I care passionately about and is something that is very important to me personally as I seek to improve my own knowledge and abilities as a therapist. Additionally as a tertiary centre it has afforded me the opportunity to work with children with some of the rarest complications specific to their unique conditions. It has given me a great deal of experience in the complex nature of securing consent specific to this client group and in the use of all available resources to ensure successful and effective discharge planning and onward referral in the best interests of the patient. Additionally time here and in other trusts has taught me significant amounts regarding safeguarding and the role of the Allied Health Professional in supporting the safety of at risk children.

In order to secure my current position with SCH I have worked hard to gain paediatric experience at a variety of clinical centres, including Nottingham University hospitals, and Royal Manchester Children's Hospital - this gives me a unique insight into how other trusts manage specific conditions and broadens my own treatment options, as well as enabling me to be confident in communicating with a variety of patient groups, carers and parents from any number of socio economic and ethnic backgrounds, it means that I am comfortable and confident in representing their needs at MDTs both internal and external and it has the added advantage of giving me a broad network of professionals with whom I can readily communicate as I have an understanding of their methodology.

The trust also has adhered to a set of values that I share; Excellence, Teamwork, Accountability, Compassion and Integrity. Alongside being amongst the top 50 best places to work in the UK.

Former job roles have prepared me to be able to cope with stress and time management pressures, and physiotherapy experience means that I am more than capable of prioritising cases and managing my own workload. I have always prided myself on my work ethic and have tried to maintain that through each of my rotations - something which has been commented on by senior colleagues and was additionally recognised by parents and patients when I won the Children's Star award for work in the area of cystic fibrosis, parents reporting they appreciated my efforts both whilst the children were in-patients, but also while they were at home following inpatient stays.

My commitment to maintaining a strong tie to the physiotherapy Evidence Based Practice ethos is demonstrated by my membership of the CSP, AACP and ACP, allowing me access to a wide range of resources. I have experience of clinical audit within the context of a band 6, and have been an instigator of service development e.g. outcome measures audit and also for amputee rehabilitation; pushing an extended hours program to better fit with service need, designing effective group treatment sessions for varying individuals providing a more efficient service delivery for the trust. Alongside the clinical experience I have undertaken the clinical educator's course to allow the department to more effectively manage their students and have ensured that my skills are kept up to date.

I have experience of managing both band 5s and therapy assistants in previous senior rotations both in the clinical context and in my role as supervisor encouraging their clinical development and overall professional development, whilst maintaining my own clinical caseload and during my time in Nottingham Hospitals as an outpatient MSK physiotherapist the team was forced to "carry" a band 7 vacancy, resulting in their workload being shifted on to me.

Working with children has always been a passion since 6th form college, when I was involved in the set up and running of a social evening for mentally and physically handicapped individuals, going so far as to being heavily involved in the fundraising necessary to get the project off the ground.

Beyond this I continued to work with children with disabilities in the outdoor sports world teaching climbing abseiling and water sports to groups of children with disabilities.

In the Fire Service I was involved in a project called Fire Break. This involved working with children "at risk" i.e. those involved in regular truancy, drugs or challenging behaviours. Teaching them the skills and discipline of the fire service and a degree of pride and teamwork. The initiative was sponsored by the Princes Trust and gained national recognition.

Through my experience of the NHS during clinical rotations and my Fire Service tenure, I have gained a deep understanding of the need for professionalism, teamwork and above all ability to communicate effectively with a broad client base. This includes written, verbal and non-verbal communication skills alongside accurate effective record keeping to defined national standards.

Confidentiality and the importance of record keeping is integral to the physiotherapy role and has been instilled into me since my early fire-fighting career.

Outside of the working environment I have constantly enjoyed a variety of activities being a keen outdoor sports enthusiast a qualified rock-climbing and sailing/power boating instructor which has led to me maintaining a good standard of health and fitness which would stand me in good stead for this job opportunity, it has also given me strong ties to the area in which I live, work and relax, i.e. across the Peak District National Park.

I have experience of and enjoy working with individuals both children and adult with mental and physical disadvantages, I have been delivering training both formal and informal for over 20 years, I am a strong team player and a great believer in the whole of a team is greater than the sum of its parts I am used to following instruction or acting on my own initiative as the situation demands but always with a knowledge of where my role and responsibilities lie.

Additionally I am a keen student and would welcome any opportunity to increase my knowledge or to challenge me as a professional. I have the support of an established Medicolegal Business to further develop my skills in Medicolegal Reporting. I feel my breadth of experience and expertise provide a sound basis to enable me to provide a fair and unbiased opinion.