MR OLIVER RICHARDS

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EXPERT WITNESS PROFILE

Mr Oliver Richards is a Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon (Locum) at Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool. He holds the FRCS (Surgical Neurology), a Certificate of Completion of Training in Neurosurgery, and is fully registered with the General Medical Council (GMC No. 7271223). He has completed the Bond Solon 'Report Writing for Expert Witnesses' course in May 2026.

He is able to provide independent expert opinion in the following areas:

- Paediatric neurosurgical standard of care
- Traumatic brain and spinal injury in children — causation, severity, and prognosis
- Hydrocephalus, shunt surgery, and shunt-related complications
- Paediatric brain tumours — diagnosis, surgical management, and prognosis
- Paediatric spinal disorders — congenital, acquired, and traumatic
- Cerebrovascular disease in children
- Perioperative and postoperative complications in paediatric neurosurgery

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Bond Solon 'Report Writing for Expert Witnesses' Course – Completed May 2026.
- Independent medico-legal practice conducted through Richards Medico Legal Ltd. Instructions accepted on a records and papers basis; instructions requiring clinical examination cannot currently be accepted
- Professional indemnity insurance appropriate to medico-legal practice is held – confirmation and details available on request.
- Available for instructions across England and Wales from claimant and defendant solicitors; able to attend court with reasonable notice.
- All reports prepared in accordance with CPR Part 35, Practice Direction 35, and the Civil Justice Council Guidance for the Instruction of Experts in Civil Claims (2014).

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Oct 2025 – Present	**Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon (Locum)**	*Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool*
May 2024 – Sep 2025	**Consultant Paediatric & Adult Neurosurgeon (Locum)**	*Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
Sep 2023 – Apr 2024	**Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon (Locum)**	*Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
Jul 2022 – Jul 2023	**International Fellow in Clinical Paediatric Neurosurgery (Out of Programme Training)**	*The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), Toronto, Canada*
Aug 2015 - Aug 2023	**Neurosurgery Run Through Training**	*Yorkshire & Humber Deanery (West Yorkshire - Leeds)*
Aug 2014 - Aug 2015	**Senior House Officer in Neurosurgery**	*Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*
2012 - 2014	**Foundation Years Training**	*Yorkshire & The Humber (West)*

QUALIFICATIONS & REGISTRATION

2023	**CCT — Neurosurgery**	GMC / Health Education England
2022	**FRCS (SN)**	Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England
2016	**MRCS**	Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England
2012	**MBChB (Hons)**	University of Leeds School of Medicine
2010	**BSc (Hons)**	Anatomy in Relation to Medicine — University of Leeds

GMC Registration No. 7271223 | Full registration with a licence to practise

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Mr Richards is an active clinical researcher with publications in peer-reviewed journals. Selected publications of relevance are listed below.

Paediatric Neurosurgery — Clinical Outcomes

PMID 31522843 **Antibiotic or Silver versus Standard Ventriculoperitoneal Shunts (BASICS): A Multicentre, Single-Blinded, Randomised Trial and Economic Evaluation (BASICS Study Collaborator).** *The Lancet (2019) 394(10208): 1530–1539.*

PMID 38714093 **Intraoperative Changes in Large-scale Thalamic Circuitry Following Laser Ablation of Hypothalamic Hamartomas.** *NeuroImage: Clinical (2024) 42: 103613.*

PMID 38941627 **Hemispherectomy at The Hospital for Sick Children: Expanded Indications and Lessons Learned Over 35 Years (sixth author).** *Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics (2024) 34(3): 252–259.*

PMID 36722455 **Craniocervical Fusion in the Paediatric Population — Case Series of 21 Patients.** *British Journal of Neurosurgery (2024) 38(1): 116–121.*

PMID 37410604 **Supraorbital Minicraniotomy for Open Ommaya Reservoir Placement in Pediatric Craniopharyngiomas: A Case Series and Technical Report.** *Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics (2023) 32(4): 421–427.*

PMID 32441154 **Intramedullary Spinal Cord Tumours — A Single Centre, 10-Year Review of Clinical and Pathological Outcomes.** *British Journal of Neurosurgery (2021) 35(2): 125–128.*

PMID 31104125 **Outcome and Prognostic Features in Paediatric Pineoblastomas: Analysis of Cases from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Registry (1990–2007).** *Acta Neurochirurgica (2019) 161(9): 1799–1807.*

PMID 34009093 **A Comparison of the Extent of Resection in Pineal Region Tumours via the Occipital Transtentorial and Supracerebellar Infratentorial Approaches.** *British Journal of Neurosurgery (2024) 38(3): 568–572.*

Book Chapters

- 'Prenatal Neurosurgery' in Ethical Challenges for the Future of Neurosurgery (Springer Nature, 2024)
- 'Pediatric-Like Brain Tumors in Adults' in Advances and Technical Standards in Neurosurgery, Vol. 50 (Springer Nature, 2024): 147–183. PMID 38592530

ACTIVE CLINICAL TRIAL INVOLVEMENT

2025 – Present **ENLIVEN-UK: Endoscopic Lavage after Intraventricular Haemorrhage in Neonates**
National randomised controlled trial assessing neuroendoscopic lavage for neonatal intraventricular haemorrhage.

PROFESSIONAL & ADVISORY ROLES

- Specialty Advisor — Neurosurgery Update, Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Panel Member — JCIE Question Writing Panel, Neurosurgery Exit Examination
- OSCE Examiner — University of Liverpool School of Medicine

DECLARATION

1. I understand that my overriding duty as an expert witness is to the court, and not to any instructing party.
2. I will provide independent, objective and unbiased opinion, and will inform the instructing party if my opinion changes.
3. I am currently engaged in active clinical practice in paediatric neurosurgery at consultant level.
4. I hold full GMC registration with a licence to practise (GMC No. 7271223).
5. The contents of this curriculum vitae are true and accurate.

Signed: **Date:**

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