



Mr. Richard A Linforth, MD FRCS (ED) FRCS (Gen Surg)

Present Appointment

Medico-legal Expert & NHS advisor - freelance

- i) HM Coroner Birmingham Patterson Inquests
- ii) County Durham and Darlington NHSFT

Consultant Onco-plastic Breast Surgeon

Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust
National Oncoplastic Trainer Association of Breast Surgeons

Medico-Legal Experience

I have a medico-legal practice writing expert witness reports for the court. I receive 50-60 instructions per year, with a 55/45 split defence/claimant and have written over 800 reports. To support this work, I have attended the Medico-legal Expert training 2015 in York provided by Jonathan Dingle FRSA and Judith Kelbie LLP, the 5-day Bond Solon Expert Witness Course (September 18-February 2019).

I have also completed the National Mortality Case Record Review course at the trust, using the Royal College of Physicians Structured Judgement review methodology.

Education

- July 1992** MB ChB Manchester University
- Feb 1997** FRCS Edinburgh Royal College of Surgeons
- Oct 2005** MD Manchester University
- April 2006** FRCS (Gen Surg) Royal College of Surgeons

Previous positions held

Divisional Clinical Director All Surgery and Anaesthesia

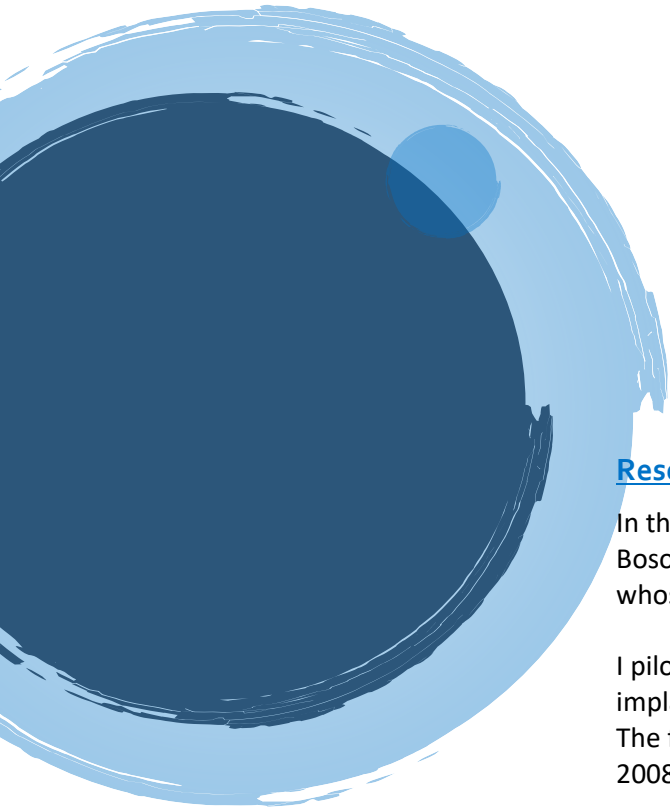
Responsible officer for the provision of all Surgery and Anaesthesia including critical care, theatres, and all surgical specialities.

Clinical Director for Breast, Plastics, Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery.

Clinical Lead Bradford Breast Unit
Chair of Breast Cancer Multidisciplinary Team



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Research

In the past I have also been an Advisor to AstraZeneca, Novartis, Bosom friends of Bradford and The Haven Trust breast cancer charity whose patron is HRH Prince Charles.

I piloted the first acellular dermal matrix (ADM-Strattice) single stage implant based immediate breast reconstruction following mastectomy. The first European procedure was performed in Bradford by me in June 2008 and over 300 subsequent procedures performed.

The early work was presented at the First International Onco-plastic reconstructive breast symposium (ORBS) in Nottingham in 2008, and at the Association of Breast Surgeons meeting in Manchester 2011. I have demonstrated this technique at the Bioskills Lab in Rotterdam to invited European and UK delegates and elsewhere around Europe and the UK to over 800 hundred surgeons. It has now become an established procedure in many UK hospitals and throughout the world. When using Artia TM in a pre-pectoral direct to implant, we presented in Nottingham in 2017, the first world publication on short term safety and effectiveness of this new ADM.

References

Available upon request

