

AvMA's Lawyers' Service Team:

Fiona Freedland - Legal Director

Qualified as a Solicitor in 1990 and worked in private practice for ten years as a Clinical Negligence Lawyer. As Legal Director of AVMA, she heads up the Legal Services department and is responsible for devising and implementing legal policy and strategy for the charity. She is also a non-executive director of a primary care trust where her specific remit is Clinical Governance. She holds a Masters degree in Medical Law & Ethics (Kings College).

Andrea Johnson - Lawyers' Service Manager

Qualified as a Registered General Nurse in 1986, eventually specialising in Coronary Care. Qualified as a Solicitor in 1997, specialising in catastrophic injury clinical negligence claims. Co-ordinator of the APIL Child Injury Group.

Kitty Williams - Lawyers' Service Manager

Kitty qualified as a Registered General Nurse in 1989, specialising in Cardiology in England and the United States. She qualified as a solicitor in 2001 and worked in private practice as a corporate lawyer. Prior to joining AVMA, she was involved in the research and provision of advice on medical ethics in medical research.

Moira Gwilliam - Lawyers' Service Medical Advisor

Moira qualified as a Diagnostic Radiographer and chose to specialise in nuclear medicine. She was employed at Hammersmith Hospital NHS Trust as a Superintendent Radiographer until 2001 and has been a Trustee of a Neurological Charity, the Dystonia Society for 12 years. She has worked in the Lawyers' Service Department for two years as a senior medical support worker.

Imran Khan - Lawyers' Service Advisor

Imran Khan graduated with a degree in Biological Sciences in 1989, and spent 11 years working in the ethical Pharmaceutical industry in Sales & Marketing. He has completed a Diploma in Law, Legal Practice Course and Legal Aspects of Medical Practice LLM, (Cardiff).

Norika Patel - Lawyer Service Administrator

Norika qualified as a solicitor in 1989. After practising as a personal injury solicitor, changed careers and is responsible for administering the Legal Services department.



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Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA) is the UK charity specialising in advice and support for patients or their families affected by medical accidents for over 20 years.

AvMA provides specialist advice and information to solicitors who practise clinical negligence through its Lawyers' Service. Headed by Legal Director, Fiona Freedland, herself an experienced clinical negligence specialist solicitor, the department has staff with a mix of medical and legal experience and qualifications, and access to a database of medical experts experienced in providing medico-legal advice to clinical negligence solicitors.

Membership of AvMA's Lawyers' Service is open to claimant firms working in the clinical negligence field and provides access to a range of vital services and information.

Resources:

- An acclaimed and dedicated clinical negligence expert database that is continually revised and maintained by experienced AvMA staff. We can

advise and recommend the appropriate expert to instruct in any clinical negligence claim.

- Our medical advisors can review medical reports and offer an independent second opinion.
- Assistance with an initial application for public funding: we can undertake literature searches on your behalf on any medical condition or procedure.
- Maximising client's damages: we can research and advise you on recent settlements achieved in similar cases.

Education & Training

- Free CPD points: Lawyers' Support Group meetings are convened in each part of the county to update members on medical and legal issues and provide opportunities for networking. On some occasions a minimal fee may be levied to cover the cost of the venue.
- AvMA's e-mailed Newsletter containing legal and health policy news relevant to clinical negligence will be automatically sent to you and all members in the clinical negligence team in your firm.
- Entitlement to a discount on "Clinical Risk". This leading medico-legal journal

contains articles of general and specific medico-legal interest including case reports.

- Entitlement to substantial discounts for AvMA conferences and events including the annual clinical negligence conference.

Campaigning

Your experience of legal procedures, processes and specific case examples inform AvMA's legal policy and campaigning. Our national profile gives member solicitors a collective voice in effective campaigning work to ensure the continued provision of effective legal services as well as access to justice to those injured following a medical accident.