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2026

Programme

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A Welcome from Sharon Allison

Dear Members

It is a pleasure once again to welcome you all to this year's SCIL Conference and Exhibition Day. Each year, this event brings together our community of dedicated professionals, and I am delighted that today promises another inspiring day of learning, collaboration, and meaningful connection.

Our theme this year continues to build on the foundations we have laid together: strengthening working relationships, sharing knowledge across our community, and supporting each other as the landscape of clinical negligence practice continues to evolve. With hybrid and flexible working now embedded across many firms, it has never been more important to create opportunities for shared learning, open discussion, and the practical exchange of 'tips and tricks' that colleagues – especially those earlier in their careers – can take back into their daily work.



You will find the full programme for today pages 6 - 7, including sessions shaped to address the challenges we collectively face and to showcase constructive, efficient ways of working—particularly in our ongoing collaborations with NHSR as we continue striving for timely and fair outcomes for our clients.

As always, this conference simply would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our SCIL Conference Sub-Committee and the outstanding support of Scala. The effort invested by each person, alongside their demanding day jobs, is truly remarkable, and I am deeply grateful for the energy and commitment that has brought today to life.

We are also extremely thankful to our Headline Sponsor this year – Blume – for their generous support of this event. Their contribution plays a vital role in enabling us to deliver a day of real value for our members.

My gratitude also extends to every volunteer who works tirelessly across SCIL, whether on the Executive Committee, the Public Affairs Group, or behind the scenes in countless ways. Your efforts in responding to consultations, engaging with the media, analysing data, and championing the issues that matter most to our clients and profession are what make our progress possible, especially in the face of ongoing and significant challenges.









Thank you for joining us today. I hope you find the sessions enriching, the conversations energising, and the day as rewarding as it is enjoyable.

Sharon Allison
Chair, The SCIL Executive Committee

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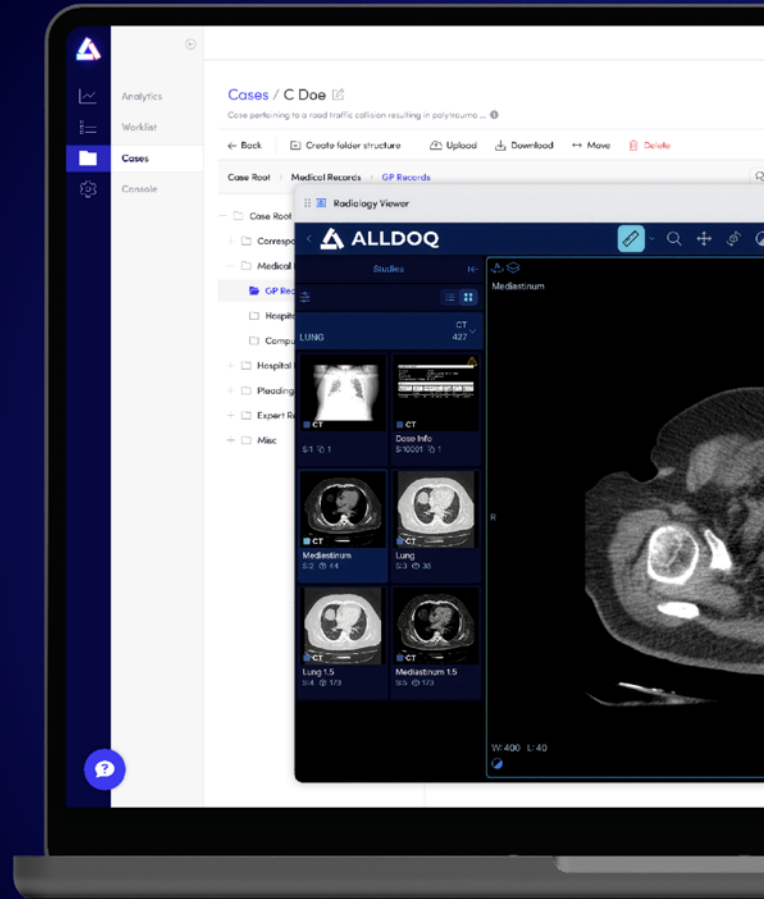
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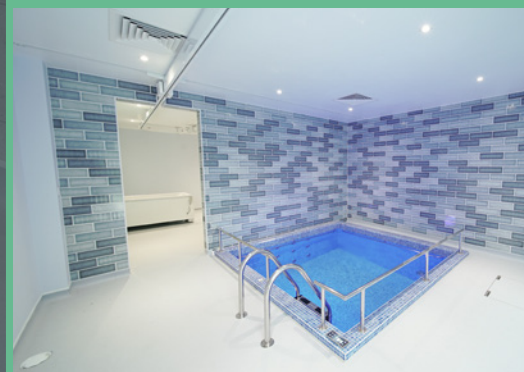


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09:35 - 09:45

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

09:45 - 10:05

BLUME

No one wants a bad lawyer, but not everyone knows how to find the best

Alex Kenny, Blume CEO.

10:10 - 10:30

NHS RESOLUTION

Simon Hammond, Executive Director of Claims at NHS Resolution.

10:35 - 11:05

AN UPDATE ON COSTS

Kevin Latham (Kings Chambers) will examine the latest developments in costs.

11:10 - 11:40

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11:40 - 12:10

A LEGAL UPDATE

Richard Baker KC (7BR) will provide a comprehensive legal update.

12:15 - 12:50

DR. IDZ - HEADLINE SPEAKER

12:50 - 13:55

LUNCH

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Schedule

14:00 - 14:20

MEDICAL EXPERT - DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

14:25 - 15:05

MEDICAL EXPERT PANEL

Chair: Richard Baker KC

Chris Lavy OBE MD MCh FCS FRCS - Professor of Orthopaedic and Tropical Surgery and Consultant Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon

Susan Filson McSp Srp - Chartered Physiotherapist

Dr Jane Duff - Chartered/Registered Consultant Clinical and Health Psychologist

15:10 - 15:40

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15:45 - 16:00

AN UPDATE FROM CRESTVIEW

Christine Quigley will provide a virtual update on SCIL strategy, campaigning and public affairs.

16:05 - 16:10

MEMBERS' MEETING

16:10

CLOSE

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Our Speakers

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DR. IDREES MUGHAL

Dr. Idrees Mughal, widely recognised as Dr. Idz, is a medical doctor with a Master's degree in Nutritional Research and certification in Lifestyle Medicine.

He is an internationally renowned expert, celebrated for his published work, including his book 'Saturated Facts.' Dr. Idz frequently appears on prominent national TV outlets such as the BBC, ITV, and 60 Minutes Australia, where he debunks widespread and harmful health myths.

With a substantial social media following of over three million, he is acclaimed for his evidence-based refutations of inaccurate health advice. Dr. Idz also lectures and presents at leading UK universities, medical societies and international conferences worldwide.

Social Media: @dr_idz



Blume

Alex Kenny

Alex is Chief Executive Officer at Blume, as well as a board member of their parent company Fletchers Group. Blume is a marketing collective for Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence law firms, managing marketing spend for around 50 law firms to deliver the right number of the right quality cases to the collective panel. Alex has over 20 years' experience in the legal industry, much of which has been spent leading marketing and contact centre operations. He was the founder of the Patient Claim Line brand, and has been central to Fletchers Group's success in recent years.



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NHS Resolution

SIMON HAMMOND

Simon Hammond joined the NHS Resolution on 7 January 2019. He is the Executive Director of Claims Management, leading the claims directorate in resolving claims made against NHS Organisations in England. Simon has a wide variety of experience in managing claims having worked for the insurance industry for over 25 years.

Simon held head of fraud roles at national law firms, before joining his previous employer, BLM, in 2009. He was promoted to partner in the counter fraud department in 2011.

Simon has experience of handling all aspects of claims, from policy interpretation, indemnity issues, litigation and prosecution matters. He sat on the Personal Injury Sub Working Group of the Treasury's Insurance Fraud Task Force, and has also presented at national conferences and edited the fraud chapter of a leading insurance text book.

More recently Simon has chaired national conferences on the subject of Clinical Negligence and has given evidence to the Health and Social Care Select Committee on the subject of NHS litigation reform.

Kings Chambers

KEVIN LATHAM

Kevin Latham is a widely regarded specialist in legal costs and litigation funding at Kings Chambers. Appointed as a Deputy Costs Judge in the Senior Courts Costs Office in 2021, he is recognised as a leading authority in the field. His practice encompasses high-value domestic and international disputes, including commercial litigation, group actions, and complex clinical negligence and personal injury claims.

Kevin is frequently instructed in appellate-level litigation and has appeared regularly in the Court of Appeal and the High Court. Most recently he was Lead Counsel for the Claimant in *Smithstone v Tranmoor Primary School* [2026] EWCA Civ 13. He is widely praised by legal directories for his technical command, commercial pragmatism, and meticulous preparation.

7BR

RICHARD BAKER KC

Richard Baker KC is a leading silk at 7BR, specialising in high-value clinical negligence, personal injury, and complex inquests. Appointed King's Counsel in 2023, he is widely recognised by legal directories for his expertise in catastrophic injury claims, particularly those involving intricate brain and birth injuries. He is noted for his meticulous approach and his ability to navigate novel legal challenges with clarity and precision.

Beyond his advocacy, Richard brings significant experience from his former role as an Assistant Coroner, frequently representing bereaved families in sensitive Article 2 inquests. He recently achieved a landmark success in the Supreme Court case of *CCC v Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*, further cementing his reputation as a top-tier choice for the most challenging medical and personal injury litigation.

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CHRIS LAVY

Professor Christopher Lavy OBE is a Professor of Orthopaedic and Tropical Surgery at the University of Oxford and a Consultant Spine Surgeon. Renowned for his clinical expertise and his humanitarian work, he was awarded an OBE in 2007 for establishing surgical training programmes and specialist hospitals in Malawi and Zambia. A global leader in surgical policy, he has served as a Commissioner for The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery and co-leads the Oxford University Global Surgery Group.

SUSAN FILSON

Susan J. Filson is a Chartered Physiotherapist with over 40 years of clinical and medico-legal experience. Her career began at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, before progressing to a senior physiotherapy role at Manchester Royal Infirmary. She later became Director of Physiotherapy at the Alexandra Hospital, Cheadle, a leading private medical facility.

Building on this extensive experience, Susan founded Susan J Filson Physiotherapy Consultancy Ltd, where she delivers specialist physiotherapy and expert witness services. Her work spans a range of settings including private clinics, a special needs school, a residential nursing home for the disabled, and a catastrophic injury care facility equipped with a hydrotherapy pool. She also volunteers with disability charities, continuing her commitment to inclusive care and rehabilitation.

Susan is a past Chairman of the Medicolegal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (MLACP) and has served on the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Aquatic Therapy (ATACP) committee. She is an Assessor for the Academy of Experts and actively mentors physiotherapists pursuing careers in expert witness practice.

DR JANE DUFF

Dr Jane Duff is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Head of the National Spinal Injuries Centre (NSIC) at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, part of Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust. She also serves as Chair of the European Spinal Psychologists Association and the ISCoS Psychosocial Special Interest Group.

With more than 30 years' experience in spinal cord injury rehabilitation, Jane's work spans clinical therapy, research, teaching, training, and specialist consultancy. Jane was one of two psychology experts on the WHO 2030 Package of Interventions for Rehabilitation and as part of her role on the Clinical Reference Group led on the SCI Psychological and Mental Health standards published in 2023.

Her clinical and research interests' focus on appraisals, coping, and mood; screening for psychological and psychosocial adjustment; quality of life; self-management and rehabilitation outcome. Jane is the UK Principal Investigator for 2 international research grants, and Chief Investigator for the UK Psychological Health SCI data study.

Jane is Founder and Director of Reappraise Ltd, a psychological consultancy firm specialising in expert witness work, teaching, training and clinical supervision of therapists working with people with SCI and long-term physical health conditions.

Crestview

CHRISTINE QUIGLEY

Christine Quigley is a Vice President at Crestview Strategy, based in London. Crestview Strategy is a full-service public affairs and strategic communications consultancy with more than 150 professionals across our international offices in Europe, North America, Africa and Australia.

With more than fifteen years of experience spanning consultancy, in-house roles, and party politics, Christine is a specialist in integrated corporate affairs, public policy, and government relations. She has worked with leading organisations in transport and mobility, energy and sustainability, manufacturing and agri-food, and technology in the UK and internationally, providing strategic counsel and on-the-ground support to help businesses achieve their public policy objectives.

Before joining Crestview, Christine worked in an agency, leading major integrated public affairs and corporate communications campaigns for clients across a variety of sectors. She also has experience working in-house in the UK rail industry and served as a political adviser to the UK Labour Party.

Christine is a former chair of the CIPR's Public Affairs Committee and a board member of Women in Public Affairs. She was shortlisted for Consultant of the Year at the 2020 PRCA Public Affairs Awards. In 2021, she was one of only three public affairs professionals included in the Women in Westminster: The 100 list of influential women in public life.

Event Information



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This is located at the entrance to the Platform level and will be staffed from 08:45 - 13:00 on the day.

Exhibition of Sponsors:

Platform and Atrium.

Plenary Conference Area:

Auditorium.

Members Meeting:

Auditorium.

The following members of the SCIL Executive Committee and associated support team will be available on the day:

SCIL Executive Committee

Sharon Allison

Beth Heath

Natalie Cosgrove

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Trevor Ward

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Carly Cotton

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3

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