

NORTH OF ENGLAND TRAUMA CONFERENCE

S P E A K E R B I O G R A P H I E S

Chris Adamson, Paramedic, Isle of Man



Bilal Ahmad, Specialist Grade Consultant - Hull Royal Infirmary

Bilal completed his medical degree in the Russian Federation in 2004 and has been working in the NHS since 2007. He has over 6 years of focused experience in Elderly Medicine with Orthogeriatric, as a Speciality Doctor at NLAG NHS Foundation Trust. Since April 2024, he has been working as a Specialist Grade Consultant in Elderly Care and Frailty at HRI with a particular interest in silver trauma. I am passionate about improving outcomes for older trauma patients.

Sion Barnard, Consultant Thoracic Surgeon - Newcastle Hospitals

Sion is a Consultant Thoracic Surgeon having worked in the region for over 30 years and a consultant for 26 of these. He has developed a special interest in airway and particularly chest wall work and has run several courses in Newcastle on acute repair of rib fractures.

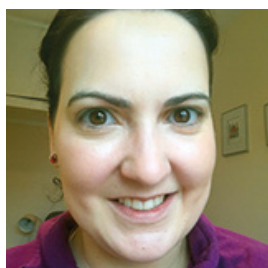
Emma Barrett, Clinical Lead Physiotherapist - Manchester Royal Infirmary

Emma qualified as a physiotherapist from Manchester Metropolitan University in 2010 and works at Manchester Royal Infirmary MTC, part of the Greater Manchester Major Trauma network. Emma has specialised in major trauma and trauma orthopaedics for the last 13 years first as a physiotherapist, rehab coordinator and now her current post as clinical lead physiotherapist.



Helen Blakesley, Network Manager - North West Children's Network

Helen started her career in children's nursing in November 1998 at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (RMCH) on the Neurology Ward, this is where she developed a keen interest in children's rehabilitation. Throughout her career she has taken a keen interest in supporting children and their families through life changing events and discharge planning. In 2008 Helen became Acquired Brain Injury Specialist Nurse before progressing to Major Trauma Rehabilitation Coordinator in 2012. In this role she supported the set-up of the Children's Major Trauma Centre at RMCH and wider North West Children's Major Trauma Network. Since joining the Major Trauma services, Helen has established the Greater Manchester Major Trauma School Reintegration Service and supported the National Children's Major Trauma Networks. In 2022 she started in her current role as Network manager for the North West Children's MT Specialised Services Clinical Network.



Joanna Corrado, Rehab Medicine Consultant - Hull Teaching Hospitals

Dr Corrado is a Rehabilitation Medicine Consultant working at Hull Teaching Hospitals. She completed her Rehabilitation training in West Yorkshire and has a particular interest in major trauma and complex rehabilitation. She is passionate about postgraduate and undergraduate medical education.

Sarah Curran, Major Trauma Rehabilitation Coordinator - East Lancashire NHS FT

Sarah is one of two Major Trauma Rehabilitation Co-ordinator's based at East Lancashire NHS Trust. She is a Physiotherapist by background. East Lancashire NHS trust is a Trauma Unit which is part of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Trauma Network.



Andy Dalton, Interim Group Operations Manager - Great North Air Ambulance Service

Andy joined Cumbria Ambulance service in 1997 and qualified as a Paramedic in 1999. He joined the Great North Air Ambulance Service as a HEMS Paramedic in 2006. During his time there he has held the position of Head of Clinical Services and most recently has taken up the interim role of Group Operations Manager.

Ed Dennison-Davies, Clinical Lead, Lancashire and South Cumbria Major Trauma Network

Dan Dineen, Network Manager, Humber and North Yorkshire and South Yorkshire Networks



Lynne Dickson, Major Trauma & Rehab Coordinator - North Cumbria Integrated Care

Lynne qualified as a Physiotherapist in 2014, gaining experience across respiratory, surgical, orthopaedic, and intensive care settings. Since 2023, Lynne has held the role of Major Trauma and Rehabilitation Coordinator at NCIC. Lynne brings extensive expertise in the management of complex injuries particularly chest trauma, which forms a significant component of the trauma caseload. Her role supports integrated, patient-centred pathways from acute care through to rehabilitation and recovery.

Laura Duffy, Clinical Director, Northern Trauma Network



Dr Laura Duffy is an Emergency Medicine Consultant with North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Trust and works in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine with the Great North Air Ambulance Service, where she is Deputy Medical Director. She is also Clinical Director of the Northern Trauma Network and a member of the NHS England Clinical Reference Group for Major Trauma and Burns. A former military doctor, Duffy has extensive experience in trauma care both in hospital and pre-hospital environments. Her work focuses on system development, trauma networks and improving outcomes for patients with major injury. Drawing on her background in both military and civilian practice, she is passionate about shaping high-quality regional trauma and pre-hospital services, ensuring teams deliver consistent, excellent care across the patient pathway.

William Eardley, Consultant Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon and Deputy Medical Director - University Hospital Tees



Will is an academic trauma surgeon. He works in Middlesbrough and has published over 90 peer reviewed pubmed cited papers whilst maintaining a full time clinical contract and trauma on call. He has represented British Orthopaedics Internationally and has lead or contributed to all levels of committee and process in recent orthopaedic trauma doctrine. He is the surgical lead of the NHFD, Chair of the RCSEd Speciality Board and provides oversight to the National Major Trauma Registry.

Ben Edwards, Clinical Lead - South Yorkshire Trauma Network



Ben is an Anaesthetist and Major Trauma Consultant based at Northern General Hospital in Sheffield, and has recently taken up the role of Clinical Lead for the South Yorkshire Trauma Network. When not at work Ben fills his free time acting as servant and transportation service to his teenage children.



Jacky Edwards, Lead Nurse - Northern Burn Care Network

Jacky has worked in Burns since 1986. She spent some time working for University of Manchester developing a Burns and Plastic Surgery course from 1993. In January 2000 she returned to Clinical Practice and worked as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Burns. Jacky set up the Burns Outreach Service and in 2010 became the first Burns Nurse Consultant in the UK. In 2012 she was awarded Nursing Times, Nurse of the Year 2012 for the development of the Burns Outreach Service. Jacky is now the Lead Nurse for the NBCN.

Faye Foggard, Clinical Psychologist - Great North Children's Hospital

Faye qualified as a Clinical Psychologist in 2007, and has since developed specialist experience working in a range of acute and specialist services, including paediatric oncology, burns, and neonatal intensive care. She currently works as part of the Paediatric Major Trauma Team at GNCH. Faye has a particular interest in supporting children and families through the psychological impact of medical trauma, and long term treatments, as well as promoting staff well-being.

Jason Fox, Broadcaster and Former Special Forces



Jason is a former Special Forces Sergeant and Royal Marine Commando, who served in the elite Special Boat Service for over two decades. His extraordinary military career saw him lead some of the most complex and high-risk missions in the world, cementing his reputation as a courageous and resilient leader.

Jason's ability to transform hardship into strength has inspired audiences across the UK and beyond. His most recent national tour explored life beyond the battlefield and the importance of vulnerability in leadership.

Jason's story is one of transformation, tenacity and unwavering belief in the human spirit. His story will inspire to lead with integrity, embrace change and face challenges with courage and clarity.



David Frazer, Nobles Hospital, Isle of Man

Rebecca Ford, EM Consultant, ED Governance Lead & Trust Trauma Lead & RCEM Editorial Review Board Member - Stockport Hospitals



Joanne Gaffing, Network Manager - Northern Burn Care Network

Joanne has worked in the NHS since 2009 starting in administration and clinical support, before qualifying as a registered nurse. She has experience of both operational and quality improvement across NHS services, delivering measurable outcomes in improved patient care. She commenced the role of Network Manager for the Northern Burn Care Network in November 2022, continuing to rebuild the network, improve collaboration and providing assurance via a full service peer review process.

Laura Graham, Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine - Royal Victoria Infirmary & Walkergate Park

Laura is a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine working in Major Trauma Rehabilitation at the RVI Major Trauma Centre and Neurorehabilitation at Walkergate Park, Newcastle upon Tyne. She has been Northern Trauma Network Lead for Rehabilitation and held national BSPRM roles in relation to trauma rehabilitation including education and national guidance development.

Claire Garland, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital & Clinical Lead Northern Trauma Network

Claire is an Emergency Medicine Consultant at Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital. She is Clinical lead for Trauma and Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response for Northumbria Healthcare. She is also Clinical Lead for the Northern Trauma Network. Alongside her interest in trauma care, Claire is passionate about development and education of the Non-Medical workforce

Jay Harrison, Quality Improvement Lead - Greater Manchester



With 20 years of ED nursing experience, Jay Harrison works as a Quality Improvement Lead in Greater Manchester developing clinical pathways and education resources to support the delivery of high-quality major trauma care. Jay has developed and coordinates the level 1 GM TILS course, has an interest in frailty trauma and co-chairs the National Major Trauma Nursing Group Education Committee. Jay is currently facilitating the development of the national major trauma E-Learning project.

Karen Higham-Deakin, Lead Nurse, Lancashire and South Cumbria Major Trauma Network

Jonathan Jones, Consultant in Emergency Medicine - Leeds Teaching Hospitals

Jonathan is a Leeds based Emergency Medicine consultant and clinical lead for West Yorkshire Major Trauma Network.



Kelly McCarty, Lead Nurse - North West Children's Major Trauma Network

Having qualified as a children's nurse in 1999. Kelly has worked in various settings, however found a passion for ED where she has remained for over 20 years. Major trauma has always been an interest and when the role of lead nurse came about she decided this was for her and Kelly is able to combine the two roles as a senior sister at RMCH ED and Lead Nurse for the North West Major Trauma Network.

Nikhil Misra, Consultant General & Trauma Surgeon & Clinical Director Trauma Surgery Service - Aintree University Hospital



Nikhil Misra is a Consultant General and Trauma Surgeon, and Clinical director for Emergency and Trauma Surgery Service at the Major Trauma Centre at Aintree University Hospital, Liverpool. He is the health lead at Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership and founder of the KnifeSavers bleeding control and knife injury awareness campaign. He holds an academic position as an adjunct Honorary Professor in the Public Health Institute at Liverpool John Moores University.

Rachel Mumford, Consultant Clinical Psychologist - Mid Yorkshire Hospital

Rachel has been working as a Consultant Clinical Psychologist in the Children's Burns Service at Mid Yorkshire Hospital NHS Trust since 2017. She completed her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Manchester in 2013, undertaking a specialist placement in Paediatric burns. She subsequently worked in the children's Burns Service at Alder Hey Children's Hospital before moving to her current role. She is passionate about working with children who have experienced a burn and their families.

Philip O'Donnell, Medical Director, Great North Air Ambulance Service & Emergency Medicine Consultant, Sunderland Royal Hospital



Philip is a Consultant in Emergency Medicine & Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine. He trained in Yorkshire and the North East, is a longstanding volunteer with St John Ambulance and was a BASICS doctor in Yorkshire. Now based in the North East, he works at South Tyneside & Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and with the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS). In May 2025, he became Medical Director for GNAAS. His interests include human factors, leadership, major trauma, and critical illness.

Craig Ord, Major Trauma Nurse Coordinator, Royal Victoria infirmary



Sarah Platt, Director of Trauma - Royal Victoria Infirmary Newcastle

Sarah trained in Anaesthesia and Critical Care in the North East and took up her Consultant role at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in 2012. Her clinical work is in Anaesthesia for Neurosurgery and the busy Neurotrauma Critical Care Unit, for which she served as Clinical Lead for 6 years. She was appointed as the Director of Trauma in 2021. The opportunity to work with colleagues of varied disciplines and specialities to advance high quality Major Trauma care is her favourite part of the role.

Karen Portas, Network Manager, Northern Trauma Network

Karen has been the Network Manager for the Northern Trauma Network since September 2015. She chairs the National Major Trauma Network Group and sits on the Major Trauma and Burns CRG, working closely with the National Clinical Director and National Speciality Advisor.

Joanne Standish, Senior Matron, Medicine & Emergency Care - Nobles Hospital, Isle of Man



Joanne is Senior Matron for the Medicine and Emergency Care Directorate within Manx Care. and has worked at Nobles Hospital on the Isle of Man for over twenty years. Joanne is dual-registered in adult and paediatric nursing. Most of her career has been spent in emergency care, where she has developed extensive experience in acute and challenging clinical environments. During times of peak demand, she also acts as the Major Trauma Nurse Coordinator, supporting clinical preparedness for trauma care.



Fiona Toland-Mitchell, AHP Lead - Northern Burn Care Network

Fiona is the AHP Lead for the Northern Burn Care Network, alongside her role as Clinical Specialist OT in the Burns Outreach Team, working with Children and Adults across the North East and Cumbria.

Rachel Tricks, Consultant Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Sheffield Children's MTC





Rebecca Tweddle, Paediatric Major Trauma Rehabilitation Lead Newcastle & Paediatric Clinical Lead Northern Trauma Network

Becky works at the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle as their Paediatric Major Trauma Rehabilitation Lead and is the Paediatric Clinical Lead for the Northern Trauma Network. She is passionate about striving for excellent services across the whole trauma pathway for children, young people and their families and believes that effective partnership working between healthcare teams, education, specialist agencies and families is crucial in delivering the best outcomes for young people.

Lynne Wilkinson, Major Trauma Rehabilitation Lead, Royal Victoria infirmary



David Wilson, Consultant in Emergency Medicine

David is a Consultant in Emergency Medicine since 2011 having trained in Scotland and the North West. Currently the CMMTN Medical Lead having been trust trauma lead for 8 years prior and has undertake major trauma shifts at the regional MTC. He is an instructor on a number of trauma courses both in and out of hospital and was a BASICS Doctor for 10 years in North Wales.



Jonathan Womack, Consultant Anaesthetist - Royal Victoria Infirmary

Jonathan is a Consultant Anaesthetist at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle and a council member for RAUK. He is particularly interested in teaching regional anaesthesia and chest wall analgesia.

Peter Young, Occupational Therapist - Leeds Teaching Hospital

Peter was born and bred in New Zealand from English parents and has dual nationality. He lived for six years in Sydney, Australia before coming to England. He has been married for 35 years and has three daughters and 5 grandchildren. Peter is the senior occupational therapist on the Major Trauma Unit at Leeds General Infirmary. He has been qualified for 23 years having come through the very first in-service training scheme, a forerunner to the apprenticeship that we now offer support workers. Prior to this he was a landscape gardener and when he came to live in England he was a horticultural tutor for various colleges in and around Leeds. Peter is a very passionate snow skier, loves sailing and has an allotment. Peter also enjoys walking.