



Royal College of Physicians

Dr Jenny Vaughan Biography

I have been Consultant Neurologist for 14 years (NW London Hospitals NHS Trust and Imperial College Healthcare NHS trust). I was the medical lead for the successful over-turning of the conviction of Surgeon Mr David Sellu for gross negligence manslaughter in 2013. I have conducted multiple interviews on mainstream media in recent weeks vocalising the concerns of the whole profession with respect to medical manslaughter (1). I have published widely-read articles on this subject². I have been an invited speaker at multiple events on gross negligence manslaughter, including the RCP annual conference last year.

I have conducted surveys³ for the last three years in order to understand the impact of the criminal law on healthcare, especially after the conviction and erasure of Dr Hadiza Bawa-Garba. These surveys have informed law-makers, politicians, the media, the BMA, the royal colleges and the medical profession in general. I co-founded the only UK online resource for anyone to access who wishes to know more about the charges of gross negligence manslaughter in healthcare. I co-organised the first joint medicolegal meeting on manslaughter and avoidable harm in Holborn 2015 (www.manslaughterandhealthcare.org.uk)⁴. My work in bringing those in the field together was published and recently cited editorially in the BMJ⁵⁻⁶. This year our medico-legal team won crime team of the year at The Modern Law Awards⁷. I have become a leading voice of the medical profession on this subject, and hope to improve patient safety by continuing in this role and assisting both the Marx and the Williams review of gross negligence manslaughter in healthcare.