



Royal College
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ADVANCING SURGICAL CARE



Surgery and the law

Thursday 14 November 2019
The Assembly Rooms, Newcastle

 #SurgeryAndTheLaw

Programme

9am **Registration – breakfast and networking**

10am Introduction and welcome

Peter Davis
RCS Regional Director

Derek Alderson PRCS
RCS President

Safer surgery **Chair: Derek Alderson PRCS**

10.20am The Surgeon, the law and patient safety: A personal journey

David Sellu
Consultant surgeon and
author

11.20am RCS supporting surgeons for safer surgery

TBC

11.40am The importance of being an expert witness

Neil Mortensen
RCS Vice President

12pm **Joint lunch with RCS Council members**

A view from the top **Chair: Nicci Iacovou**

1pm What is professionalism?
The perspectives of the medical manager

Chris Shaw
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and
Medical Director for Surgery in Hull

1.20pm Fitness to practice overview of key statistics and update

Rachel Woodall
Principal Regional Liaison Adviser,
General Medical Council

1.40pm When the worst happens: What is 'Gross negligence'?

Leslie Hamilton
Chair of the Independent Review of
Gross Negligence Manslaughter

2.05pm **Panel Q & A discussion**

2.25pm **Refreshment break**

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Helping you help others Chair: Peter Davis

2.45pm	Patients perspective: A view from the other side of the table	Nicci Iacovou RCS Patient Liaison Group, Vice Chair
3.05pm	Supporting surgeons: The role of the defence unions	Ian Eardley MPS Council Member
3.25pm	A barristers bearing: What makes an expert witness and mock cross examination	Stephen McCaffrey and Catherine Stock GMC Defence Barristers, Kings View Chambers
4pm	Panel Q & A discussion	
4.20pm	Summary and closing remarks	Peter Davis RCS Regional Director