



Name	Gary Spence
Position / Function	Medicolegal Lead
Date of Report	27 March 2026

Activity Summary	I started in the role on 1 November 2025. I am still finding my feet but I produced an Opinion Piece shortly after commencing my tenure, entitled 'Indemnity Matters' published online on 9 December 2025. This dealt with the key points that need considering when General Surgeons seek Professional Indemnity Cover. Shortly after completing that I focused my attention on curating the Topics and Speakers for the Medicolegal Seminar for the ASGBI Annual Congress in Brighton on Thursday 14 May 2026 13:30–15:00. We had 4 interesting medicolegal topics relevant to modern surgical practice and we secured 4 diverse talented presenters who are knowledgeable on their subject matter and who actively participated in the panel discussion as well. I am currently in discussion with Ms Jacqueline McAleese, Partner and Head of Healthcare claims at Carson McDowell, the leading local law firm in Belfast / Dublin about organising a joint meeting or webinar pertaining to Healthcare Regulation and Litigation in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. I have been invited by Mr John Lowther, Senior Associate, Slater and Gordon Lawyers and Professor Richard Brady, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to speak at the North of England Medicolegal Society on 'Contemporary Medicolegal Issues for Surgeons' at their meeting on 5 October 2026.
Publications / Guidelines	Indemnity Matters - What do you require? Perspectives from the ASGBI Medicolegal Lead. www.asgbi.org.uk/news/indemnity-matters—what-do-you-require
Significant Events	None as yet – started in the role 1 November 2025
Meetings Held	14/11/2025 – Telephone call with Professor Richard Brady Council Member NOEMLS 27/03/2026 – In person meeting with Ms Jacqueline McAleese, Partner and Head of Healthcare claims and Ms Leigh Linton, Partner and Head of Regulatory and Professional Discipline Team at Carson McDowell



	Plan for a hybrid meeting in September or October 2026 of NI Regional and a wider webinar.
Key Relationships	North of England Medicolegal Society Carson McDowell LLP
Acknowledgements	Jillian Hart, General Manager ASGBI, has kept me right as I have settled into my role.
Aims and Objectives for next period	To successfully facilitate the Medicolegal Seminar at Congress 14/05/2026 To organise a joint meeting / webinar Northern Ireland / ROI with Carson McDowell LLP To organise a BJS Academy Webinar – Key Medicolegal Pitfalls in the Sub-specialties

