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Lisa Dobie is recognised as a leading junior in the fields of clinical negligence, personal injury and police law.

Lisa represents Claimants and Defendants. She has a particular expertise in acting for public bodies, often where there are issues over the existence and scope of a duty of care / vicarious liability / non delegable duties.

Lisa is recognised for her ability to put witnesses at ease. She gets to the heart of the issues with experts and provides calm and confident advice. She is instructed in high value cases involving brain and spinal injuries in her own right and as a junior.

## Areas of Expertise

### Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Lisa is recognised as a leading junior in the field of clinical negligence. She represents Claimants and Defendants across the full range of clinical negligence work. Her work includes fatal accidents, birth injury cases, secondary victims, delays in diagnosis, spinal injuries and brain injury cases. Her claims range from the lower end of the multi-track to multi-million pound cases requiring management of a number of liability and quantum experts.

Lisa is recommended in Legal 500 as a leading junior in this area.

Lisa has vast experience in dealing with sensitive cases in conference and at joint settlement stage. She robustly maintains the strength of her case, whilst being sensitive and fair.

Lisa is Co-Head of the Clinical Negligence and Healthcare group at Deka Chambers.

### Notable Clinical Negligence & Healthcare cases

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P v Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust [2020]

Lisa was instructed by the Claimant and was led by Edwards Bishop QC. The case concerned a birth injury case leading to a significant brain injury requiring lifelong care needs.

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Brine v North Bristol NHS Trust [2019] HHJ Cotter QC

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Lisa represented the Defendant at trial in this cauda equina case. The Claimant alleged negligence in the surgical technique of a laminectomy and failures to recognise signs of cauda equina thereafter. The claim was successfully dismissed in its entirety.

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Lofts v North Bristol NHS Trust [2017] HHJ Ambrose

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Lisa successfully represented the Defendant at trial. The Claimant alleged that a plastic surgeon had performed hand surgery negligently and caused vascular injury. It was also alleged that the Claimant had developed widespread chronic pain. The claim was dismissed in its entirety.

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## Personal Injury

Lisa is a leading junior in the field of personal injury acting for Claimants and Defendants. Lisa has a particular expertise in acting for public bodies.

She is frequently instructed in complex cases where the existence of a duty of care may be in issue, where a claim under the Human Rights Act 1998 is included, or where there are substantive issues on vicarious liability and/or non-delegable duties.

Lisa has expertise across the full spectrum of personal injury work, including fatal accidents, road traffic accidents, highways claim, occupiers' liability, employers' liability, stress at work claim and historic sexual and physical abuse.

She is instructed in her own right and as a junior in high value claims involving spinal and brain injuries.

## Police Law

Lisa is recognised as a leading junior in Police Law (Band 2 Chambers and Partners 2022 and Tier 2 in Legal 500 2022).

Lisa represents a number of forces across all malfeasance and assaults claims, Human Rights Act claims, road traffic collisions involving the emergency services, police dog and police horse cases, employers' liability and stress at work.

Lisa has significant trial experience with juries and judges sitting alone and prides herself in her ability to find the right tactical approach in a given case.

## Notable Police Law cases

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Saddique v (1) Chief Constable of West Midlands Police (2) MOJ [2020] before HHJ Freeland QC:

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Lisa was instructed for the Chief Constable of West Midlands police in this misfeasance claim. It was alleged that the first Defendant's officers had shared information about the Claimant in bad faith. The source of that information was a police informant. Lisa successfully opposed disclosure application on the grounds of PII and then represented the Chief Constable at trial where the claim was dismissed.

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James v Bowen & Ors v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2018] UKSC 40

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Lisa was led by Andrew Warnock QC. They successfully represented the Defendant

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Jeffreys v The Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis [2017] EWHC 1505 (QB) Morris J

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Lisa successfully represented the Defendant in this malfeasance jury trial which included a low value claim for personal injuries. Following the dismissal of the claim, Lisa successfully argued for the a proportion of the Defendant's costs to be paid because, whilst the claim including a claim for personal injury, it was largely a malfeasance claim and CPR 44.16(2)(b) contained a discretion to allow enforcement of costs in appropriate case.

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Maguire v Chief Constable of West Midlands Police [2017]

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Lisa successfully represented the Defendant at trial. The Claimant sustained significant injuries to his arm from a police dog in the course of his arrest. Further, he alleged that the arresting officer had assaulted him by way of kicking, The claim was dismissed.

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Zapello v Chief Constable of Sussex Police [2010] EWCA Civ 1417

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Lisa successfully represented the Defendant at trial. The Claimant made allegations of assaults, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. His claims were dismissed. Thereafter, Lisa also represented the Defendant in the Court of Appeal on a narrow costs point.

## Public Sector & Human Rights

Lisa's practice areas of personal injury, clinical negligence and police law overlap with her Human Rights practice. When acting for public bodies, Lisa is often defending claims which include a claim under the Human Right Act 1998.

Lisa has particular expertise in dealing with:

- Article 3 'failure to remove' claims against Local Authorities;
- Article 3 'failure to investigate' claims against the police;
- Article 2 claims including deaths in police custody, deaths shortly following police custody, when detained for health / mental health purposes;
- Article 8 claims across the range of her practice areas.
- Article 3 and 8 claims in historic sexual abuse cases;
- Limitation argument under the Human Right Act 1998.

## Education

- University of Leeds, Law LLB, First Class with Hons

## Appointments

- PIBA
- PNBA
- PIBA Executive Committee

## Awards

- Inner Temple – Exhibition Prize Winner

## Notable Cases

- *Jeffreys v The Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis* [2017] EWHC 1505 (QB)
- *James v Bowen & Ors v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis* [2018] UKSC 40
- *Simson v Islington LBC* [2013] EWHC 2527 (QB); [2013] 7 WLUK 533
- *Zapello v Chief Constable of Sussex Police* [2010] EWCA Civ 1417

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