



# Simon Newell 1956-2016

## Neonatologist

**Simon Newell qualified in Leeds in 1980 and became one of the youngest consultant appointments to St James's Hospital as a neonatologist and also worked as a paediatric gastroenterologist. With the creation of the Leeds Children's Hospital in 2010 his main clinical base moved to the LGI.**

He was an inspirational and gifted teacher, with an ability to drive home a point or enliven a presentation with a memorable or amusing anecdote. He always found time to teach students and trainees with his bedside tutorials being particularly valued. Trainees regularly rated him as inspirational.

He became involved in the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in a number of roles, overseeing the introduction and updating of the national online workplace based assessment platform as well as reviewing the structure of the MRCP examination. He was closely involved in the

Leeds MBChB course, with roles including Academic Sub Dean for Electives for a number of years.

He was active in research and published many scientific papers and as a respected expert witness he was called to the Royal Courts of Justice many times.

He was a trustee for the children's charity SPARKS and spoke regularly at their fundraising events.

He acted as media spokesman for the College, giving balanced, clear and helpful comments on complex issues. His significant contribution to paediatrics and the esteem in which he was held were recognised in 2016 with the award of Honorary Fellowship.

