

# Delayed Diagnosis: When Every Word Matters

A legal overview & clinician's perspective on supporting clients and securing best evidence

## Seminar Information

This seminar brings together leading barristers, a specialist gynaecological oncologist, and an oncology nurse practitioner to examine the growing and complex landscape of delayed diagnosis claims. Topics span the clinical, legal, and human dimensions of these cases – from gynaecological negligence, cancer misdiagnosis, and the medicolegal pitfalls practitioners must navigate, to causation, quantum, and litigation strategy, and the critical soft skills and communication sensitivities that underpin effective client care at every stage of a diagnosis and its aftermath.

**Date & Time:** Thursday 23rd of April from 2:30PM

**Location:** Nine Chambers Freetrade, 37 Peter St, Manchester M2 5GB

**Additional Information:** There will be networking and drinks following the seminar.

**To Confirm your attendance fill out the RSVP Form**

# Speaker Information



**Kirsty McKinlay**

**Kirsty McKinlay – Barrister, Head of Clinical Negligence  
Legal Update:**

Kirsty will address key causation and quantum issues in delayed diagnosis claims, including life expectancy, loss of a chance, lost years claims, and quantifying prognosis where treatment continues to evolve.



**Dr Smruta  
Shanbhag**

**Dr Smruta Shanbhag – Consultant Gynaecologist & Surgical  
Gynaecological Oncologist  
Clinical overview:**

Dr Shanbhag will draw on her breadth of experience to explore the expanding field of gynaecological negligence – from delayed diagnosis of benign conditions and gynaecological cancers to the misinterpretation of cervical smears – highlighting key medicolegal pitfalls practitioners should be aware of.



**Sam Aynsley**

**Sam Aynsley – Barrister, Clinical Negligence | Nine Chambers  
A barristers Perspective: Client Care & Conferencing:**

Drawing on his mother's nursing expertise, which he has found invaluable to his practice, Sam will apply Wendy's many years of experience to discussions with clients at the key stages of litigation in delayed diagnosis claims, with a focus on eliciting the best quality evidence possible whilst remaining sensitive to the physical, emotional and psychological impact of a client's diagnosis.



**Wendy Aynsley**

**Wendy Aynsley – Specialist Nurse Practitioner, Oncology  
A nurses Perspective: Client Care & Conferencing:**

Drawing on her decades of experience of supporting patients through complex and often difficult decisions, Wendy will discuss the soft skills and sensitivities that underpin effective, compassionate communication in the most difficult of circumstances.