

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL DETAILS:

**NAME:** Dr Leanne Atkin

**NATIONALITY:** British

## EDUCATION:

**SCHOOLS ATTENDED:** University of Huddersfield  
University of Leeds  
University of Huddersfield  
Barnsley College, Barnsley  
West Yorkshire College of Health, Pontefract  
The Kings High School, Pontefract

## **QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED:**

	Grade
GCSE Child development	A
GCSE Textiles	B
GCSE Geography	B
GCSE Maths	B
GCSE English	C
GCSE Art and Design	C
GCSE English Literature	C
GCSE Chemistry	C
GCSE Human Biology	C

MHSc Nursing Practice  
University of Leeds  
June 2010

PhD University of Huddersfield. 2013 – 2017  
Research title: feasibility study to evaluate non-invasive cycloidal vibration therapy for the symptomatic treatment of intermittent claudication due to peripheral arterial disease.

PGCert Medical ultrasound (venous and arterial)  
University Leeds  
June 2023

The centre for Advancing Practice: Certificate of Digital Badge: Recognized educational and experiential in advanced practice training (July 2024)

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION:**

Registered General Nurse: Level 1  
May 1996.  
Pin No : 93C0075E.

Teaching and Assessing:	ENB: 998. September 1997 (30 level 3 advanced credits)
Health Studies:	90 Level 2 advanced credits in November 1997 Sheffield University
Leg ulcer Management:	ENB: N18 January 2002 (20 Level 3 advanced credits) Huddersfield University
Certificate in First Line Management:	Institute of Leadership and Management (previously NEBS) July 2003 Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust.
Advanced assessment and diagnostic reasoning	15 M level credits July 2006 Leeds University
Independent Nurse prescribing	30 M level credits July 2007 Leeds University

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

		From	To
Vascular Nurse Consultant/Associate Professor	Mid Yorks NHS Teaching Trust, Wakefield/University of Huddersfield	July 2025	Present date
Honorary Senior Lecturer	Cardiff University	Feb 2026	Current Date
Vascular Nurse Consultant	Mid Yorks NHS Trust. Wakefield	August 2017	July 2025
Lecturer Practitioner/ Research Fellow	University of Huddersfield	Jan 2010	July 2025
Vascular Nurse Specialist	Mid Yorks NHS Trust. Wakefield.	Jan 2005	August 2017
Sister (F Grade)	Pinderfields General Hospital - Vascular Ward	Nov 2000	Jan 2005
Primary Nurse (E Grade)	Pontefract General Infirmary - Surgical Unit	Jan 1998	Nov 2000
Associate Nurse (D Grade)	Pontefract NHS Trust Orthopaedic Ward.	May 1996	Jan 1998
Student Nurse	Pontefract NHS Trust.	March 1993	May 1996

### **CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES (CONSULTANT NURSE / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR)**

My role spans the four pillars of Consultant Nurse practice: **clinical expertise, leadership, education, and research**, delivered across local, regional and national platforms. I work as an autonomous senior clinician, academic leader and strategic influencer in vascular and lower-limb wound care, aligned to national priorities for improving outcomes and reducing unwarranted variation.

### **Clinical**

I provide independent, advanced-level consultations for both in-patients and out-patients across a broad spectrum of acute and chronic vascular disease. This includes managing complex inpatient consultant-to-consultant referrals and delivering full pathway responsibility from referral to discharge. I lead on assessment, imaging requests, diagnosis, treatment planning, prescribing, listing for intervention and coordination of ongoing care. I practise as an autonomous independent practitioner with full accountability for a complex caseload, supporting safe and timely decision-making across multi-disciplinary teams. I hold responsibility for vascular service delivery aligned to performance targets (including 18-week RTT, PTL management, contracting and budget oversight), and I provide line management and professional leadership for the vascular nursing team.

### **Academic (Associate Professor / Education Leadership)**

As an Associate Professor and senior academic partner to clinical services, I provide strategic leadership in workforce development and postgraduate education. I am joint module lead for multiple Masters-level modules at the University of Huddersfield, ensuring teaching is clinically relevant, evidence-informed and aligned to national priorities. I work collaboratively with NHS England and Health Education England to support the development of education standards, competencies and role expectations across specialist vascular and wound care pathways. I deliver structured and timetabled teaching for medical students, GPs, and multidisciplinary healthcare professionals locally, regionally and nationally.

### **Leadership (Service, System and National Influence)**

I provide visible leadership across vascular and lower-limb wound care at local, regional and national levels. I work in partnership with internal and external organisations including community services, NHS England, NICE, AHSN networks and professional bodies. I hold leadership roles within national programmes including Legs Matter, the Society of Vascular Nurses (SVN) and the International Wound Infection Institute (IWII), contributing to strategic direction, national advocacy, guideline development, consensus work and public-facing improvement initiatives. Through these roles, I influence standards of care, champion equitable access to evidence-based assessment and compression therapy, and support improvements in service delivery, patient outcomes and system-wide quality.

### **Research**

I lead an active and impactful research portfolio within the NHS and higher education, acting as Chief Investigator for ongoing studies and as Principal Investigator for multiple previous and current research programmes. I take full responsibility for the design, governance and delivery of research across clinical settings, including protocol development, bid writing, securing funding, managing commercial sponsors, study implementation, data analysis and dissemination. I translate research findings into clinical practice through peer-reviewed publication, national presentations, and integration into education and service improvement initiatives.

### **RESEARCH**

Participating centre lead study nurse - European Randomised control Trial - SUPER investigating superficial femoral artery stenting versus angioplasty for patients with intermittent claudication – 2007-2009.

Principal investigator for Actico v Profore trial comparing compression bandage systems for the treatment of venous leg ulceration - national multi centre trail- 2009 – 2010.

Principal investigator - Venus IV large multi centre national trial funded by HTA comparing compression bandaging to compression hosiery kits for the treatment of venous leg ulceration – 2010–2012.

Chief investigator for Investigative study looking into patients quality of life study when being treated with topical negative pressure wound management – 2011–2012.

Chief investigator for feasibility study to evaluate non-invasive cycloidal vibration therapy for the symptomatic treatment of intermittent claudication due to peripheral arterial disease (PAD) – 2014 –2016.

Chief Investigator for Validation of a risk assessment tool for delayed healing in venous leg ulcer – 2016 – 2017.

Principal investigator for pilot study to test the clinical efficacy of FlowOx home treatment compared to standard care in patients with critical limb ischemia and lower limb ulcers – Dec 2017 – 2019.

Principal investigator for MIDFUT: Multiple Interventions of Diabetic Foot Ulcer Treatment Trial - Dec 2017 – March 2020.

Principal investigator for the randomised controlled trial investigating the use of octenilin® wound irrigation in the management of chronic non-healing wounds. Jan 2017 – Set 2018.

Chief investigator for: Treatment of Wounds Using Oasis® Extracellular Matrix (ECM) in the Community Setting. Oct 2018 – March 2020.

Project team member for James Lind Alliance research priority setting for foot health. Striding Ahead – setting the foot health research priorities for the future. Jan 2019 – Dec 2019.

Project team member for James Lind Alliance research priority setting for vascular medicine. June 2019 – June 2021.

Chief investigator - Development of Molecular support to detect biofilm forming pathogens within chronic infections. August 2020 – March 2021

Chief investigator - Post market clinical follow up study to examine clinical performance of the debridement pad Cutimed Debriclean. September 2020 – December 2021

Principal investigator - VENUS-6 A randomised controlled trial of compression therapies for the treatment of venous leg ulcers (NIHR funded research). October 2020 – June 2024.

Principle investigator - Decellularised Dermis Allograft for the Treatment of Chronic Venous Leg Ulceration (DAVE). Sept 2021 – Oct 2022

Principal investigator - Intermittent Pneumatic Compression Of the Thigh for the Treatment of lower limb wounds: a randomised control trial (IPCOTT Study) which commenced in November 2022 and June 2024.

Principal investigator – THRIVE: THRomboprophylaxis in Individuals undergoing superficial endoVENous treatment (THRIVE) a multi-centre assessor-blind randomised-controlled trial (NIHR funded research). April 2024 – ongoing

Principal investigator - A prospective, multicenter, partially assessor blinded, randomised, open label, parallel, comparative clinical trial to evaluate the exudate management performance of Cutimed Sorbion product range. Jan 2025 – on going

Contributor to international study based in Australia: Psychometric properties of the Venous Leg Ulcer Distress Scale (VLU-DS): A new tool to measure disease-specific distress.

Recruitment site: LEADER-PAD Low dose Colchicine in patients with peripheral artery disease to address residual vascular Risk: A randomized trial

## **RESEARCH BIDS**

2023 NIHR: Venous leg ulcers: management and eradication, the VEIN Platform Study. Award ID: NIHR155477 Co investigator. Total amount: £202,724.99

2024: MRC Confidence in Concept: Project title: Perfusion Right Now: feasibility assessment of skin perfusion in patients with peripheral arterial disease (PAD) using hand-held thermal mapping and real-time imaging. Co-investigator. Total amount of Award: £81,897

2024 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships Rolling Call (HTA Programme: Jan 24 - Apr 24). NIHR167680 ESTABLISH – Endovascular strategy versus Surgical strategy for the Treatment for Acute Limb Ischaemia Assessing the clinical- and cost-effectiveness. Co-investigator. Total amount: 2.4 million.

24/54 EME Advanced Fellowship: Building clinical trials experience NIHR169106 Randomised Controlled Trial of Intravenous Iron for Improving Physical Performance in patients with Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischaemia and Anaemia Following Revascularisation. Co-investigator. Total amount: 2.9 million.

2025 Mid Yorkshire pump prime award: Nursing/Residential home resident point prevalence audit of lower limb oedema and ulceration within Wakefield District Health and Care partnership footprint. Chief Investigator - Total: £15k

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Elected council member for Society of Vascular Nurses. November 2009 – to present date.

Member of editorial Board for Wounds UK Journal – 2014 to present date.

Member of editorial Board for British Journal Nursing: Wound Care Supplements – January 2016 – present date.

NICE guideline committee member - Clinical Expert: Peripheral arterial disease guideline review: Sept 2017 to Jan 2018.

NHS England: Leading change adding value: Competency and education of workforce caring for patients with wounds. Jan 2017 to Oct 2017

Chair Legs Matter campaign: Steering group member – public and political campaign reshaping lower limb care nationally. April 2017 to Dec 2021.

NICE: Expert Advisor for centre for guidelines: April 2018 to present date.

Chair of Lower limb stream: National Wound Care Strategy – Academic health science network/NHS Improvement. June 2018 – June 2020.

Member of TriEPodD-UK: Competency framework for integrated diabetic foot care.

Member of SMTL board for formulation of standard framework/testing for compression hosiery.

Member of board creating core capability framework for advanced lower limb assessment working with Skills for Health, Health Education England and College of Podiatry.

Member of editorial board: Diabetic Foot Journal March 2021 – to present date.

Founding member of the Commonwealth Wound Care Resource Alliance: CWCRA – The Commonwealth Wound Care Resource Alliance Jan 2022 – to present date.

Member of editorial board: International Wound Journal. March 2024 – to present date.

NICE: Compression products professional member: Dec 2024 – present date.

Member of editorial board: International Journal of Tissue Repair (IJTR). April 2025 – present date

Member of editorial board: Journal of Lower Limb Wound Care. June 2025 – present date.

Member of editorial board: the Editorial Board of BMC Nursing. July 2025 – present date.

Elected board member of International Wound Infection Institute (IWII). July 2025 – present date.

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## **SUPERVISION**

Mathew Cain: PhD co-supervisor  
Abbie Dagg: PhD co-supervisor  
Grace Parfit: PhD co – supervisor (completed)

### **Invited supervisor as expert recognised in field:**

Smaragda Lampridou (Imperial College healthcare nhs trust) HEE/NIHR Pre-doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (PCAF) Scheme (completed)

Smaragda Lampridou (Imperial College healthcare nhs trust) HEE/NIHR Doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (DCAF) Scheme

Yaping Lian Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust HEE/NIHR Pre-doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (PCAF) Scheme

### **Phd external examinations**

Jessica Ingleman Queensland University of Technology, Australia. Thesis title: Exploring body morphology, skin microcirculation and microclimate in patients with critical illness.

Alisa Sharpe, Edinburgh Napier University. Thesis title: An investigation into wound infection assessment by health and social care staff? It is a mixed methods study.

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Hub and Spoke as a method of service delivery, Society Vascular Nurses Annual Conference, Brighton 2010

Wound Expo – Wound Assessment Zone. Wounds Expo, London 2011.

New Legs New life: The Challenge of dealing with leg ulceration in combination with intravenous drug abuse. Wounds UK, Harrogate 2011.

Vascular Service Review – Society Vascular Nurses Annual Conference, Edinburgh 2011

Wounds Expo – Wound Assessment Zone. Wounds Expo, London 2012.

Chair of session 'Meeting the current challenges in leg ulcer service', Wounds UK, Harrogate 2012.

Wound Bed Diagnostics – Society Vascular Nurses Annual Conference, Manchester 2012.

Wounds Expo – Wound Assessment Zone. Wounds Expo, London 2013.

Optimising Patient Care through Education – Wounds UK, Harrogate, 2013.

Should Vascular Nursing become a Nursing Speciality – Debate against the motion – Society of Vascular Nurses Annual Conference, Manchester, 2013.

How much does research inform clinical practice – Wounds UK, Harrogate, 2014.

Engaging with industry for improved patient outcomes – Wounds UK, Harrogate, 2014.

Quality agenda and importance in vascular nursing – Society of Vascular Nurses Annual conference, Glasgow, 2014.

Venous Ulceration: Management, evidence base and future developments. The Royal Society of Medicine – Venous Forum, London 2015.

Complexity in diagnosis: Cellulitis - Wounds UK, Harrogate, 2015.

Impact of Venus IV on the management of limb ulceration - Wound UK, Harrogate, 2015.

Stop pressure day: management of pressure ulceration, Rochdale Community Services, 2015.

Hartmans Hydrotherapy Launch: The good, the bad and the ugly, London, March 2016

Complex bandaging for lower limb conditions, Primary Care Live, Birmingham NEC, May 2016

Clinical practice of wound measurement, Institute of Skin Integrity and infection prevention conference, Huddersfield, June 2016.

Bacteria and their impact in clinical practice: Wounds UK made easy. Wounds UK, Harrogate 2016

Activa leg ulcer pathway launch: Applying recommendations to real world practice, Wounds UK, Harrogate 2016

Hydrotherapy in the clinical context with Hartmans medical, Wounds UK, Harrogate 2016

Clinical impact of using Aquacel Ag+, European Wound Management Association, Amsterdam 2017

Incorporating evidence into UK clinical practice, results of Delphi study with Urgo Medical, Wounds UK, Harrogate 2017

Breaking down the barriers in debridement with Hartman medical, Wounds UK, Harrogate 2017

Every moment matters: impact of best practice statement for leg ulceration, Wounds UK, Harrogate 2017

Recognition of venous disease: a guide of podiatry, Annual College of Podiatry conference, Liverpool, 2017.

The true impact of highly exuding leg ulcers, European Wound Management Association, Karkow, Poland, 2018

Red Legs: Getting it right: complexity in diagnosis, Wound Care Today confirmation, Milton Keynes, 2018.

Harm Free Wound Care, University of Huddersfield Skin Science Institute annual conference, Huddersfield, 2018.

Vascular surgical wounds: The good, the bad and the Ugly, Vascular Surgical Site Infection conference, Birmingham, 2018.

Venous Ulceration: the past, present and future of leg ulcer management. Annual conference for international skin science institute conference, Las Vegas, Sept 2018.

Best practice for the holistic management of venous leg ulcers: dispelling the myths. Wounds UK annual conference: Harrogate Nov 2018.

National Wound Care strategy: impact on vascular. Society of Vascular Nurse's annual conference, Glasgow Nov 2018.

National Wound Care Strategy: Update from Lower Leg Work stream Leg Ulcer Forum Annual conference, Colchester, July 2019

International Hard to Heal Consensus: What this means in clinical practice: Annual conference of international skin science institute conference, Las Vegas, Sept 2019.

Going beyond the ABPI. Lindsey Leg Club Annual conference, Worcester, Sept 2019.

The impact of Covid-19 on leg ulcer care and update on national quality improvement initiatives. Vascular Society Annual Scientific meeting/Venous Forum, Nov 2020 on line

The impact of Covid-19 on chronic wound management and the effect on antimicrobial stewardship. British Society of Antimicrobial chemotherapy/European Wound Management Association, On line March 2021

Wound care in crisis: Time to change the culture? Wounds UK annual conference, Harrogate UK, Nov 2021

How clinicians influence national agenda: Royal College of Podiatry, Liverpool July 2022

Impact of venous ulcer burden on community nursing teams, Royal Society Medicine: Venous Forum annual meeting, Sept. 2022

ICD-codes related to Wound Care formularies. Commonwealth and 4<sup>th</sup> Global Wound Conference, Malaysia, Oct 2022

Wound care in Crisis: Time to stop managing and start healing. Wounds Australia, Sydney Sept 2022

Impact of venous ulcer burden on community nursing teams Society of Vascular Nurses annual conference. Manchester November 2022

Revolutionising the care and outcomes of venous leg ulcer patients Vascular Society Great Britain and Ireland annual conference. Manchester November 2022

Red Legs – Complexities in Diagnosis Wound week: University of Huddersfield Skin Science Institute annual conference, Huddersfield, December 2022

Wound care in crisis: Time to change the culture? Best Practice annual conference London March 2023

An introduction to diabetic foot ulceration Best Practice annual conference London March 2023

Anatomy and physiology of venous and arterial disease – what you really need to know! Society of Tissue Viability annual conference Peterborough April 2023

Venous ulceration in frail and bedbound patients. Royal college Medicine venous forum conference, London June 2023

Invited Key note opening session: Nursing in 2023, Wounds UK annual conference, November 2023

The great debate: This house believes that the NHS should be providing a 7-day foot service Foot in diabetes UK annual conference, Harrogate November 2023

Venous Service and Workforce The governance of nurse led venous intervention: nurse perspective. Vascular Society Great Britain and Ireland annual conference. Dublin Nov 2023

Venous Ulceration: the past, present and future. Society of Vascular Nurses annual conference. Dublin 2023

Venous and arterial ulceration: How to differentiate, evidence based management and when to refer! Wound week: University of Huddersfield Skin Science Institute annual conference, Huddersfield, December 2023

Recruitment and retention of vascular nurse specialist: Royal college medicine venous forum conference, London June 2024

Compression therapy in heart failure: Necessary of dangerous. Australasian Lymphology Associate, online June 2024.

Invited Key note opening session: Remembering our value, Wounds UK annual conference, November 2024

Compression therapy: the past the present and the future. Venous Forum: Vascular Society annual conference Brighton Dec 2024

State of nursing. Society Vascular Nurses annual conference, Brighton Dec 2024.

Invites Key note opening session: Evidence in Practice: Harmonising Real-World Data in Wound Care. Wounds UK annual conference: November 2025

Route to Vascular Consultant Nurse, Society Vascular Nurses annual conference, Hull Dec 2025

### **International Teaching**

Feb 2012 - Buskerud University College, Drammen, Norway – Subjects: Peripheral Arterial Disease and the management of diabetic foot ulceration.

### **AWARDS:**

Runner up for the RCN front line innovation award 2011.

Winner of partnership working – Spectrum Healthcare 2012.

Wounds UK 2012 Well Being Awards – Highly Commended - Dr Karen Ousey, Leanne Cook, Dr John Stephenson, Dr Warren Gillibrand (University of Huddersfield) and Jeanette Milne, Tissue Viability Specialist, South of Tyne and Wear PCT - results of a pilot study exploring quality of life experienced by patients undergoing negative pressure wound therapy as part of their wound care treatment.

Journal of Wound Care awards 2015: Runner up for Best Clinical Research Award.

British Journal Nursing Awards 2015: Runner up for Tissue Viability Nurse of the Year. Project: Inspiring the future choices of tissue viability care in partnership with Urgo Medical.

Best initiative in specialised services' category of the Quality in Care (QiC) Diabetes 2015 Awards – Transforming diabetes foot care in Wakefield.

3MT: 3 minute thesis - runner up for 'no pain no gain' University of Huddersfield May 2016.

Journal of Wound Care awards 2016: Runner up for 'cost effective care'.

Journal of Wound Care awards 2016: Winner for 'education in wound care'.

Journal of Wound Care awards 2018: Winner for 'Leg ulceration and lymphoedema' award.

### **INTERESTS:**

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