

## DEBRIEF: A Kings Chambers Podcast Factsheet

### EPISODE 14 – In Conversation with Hugh Rayner

Nigel Poole QC in conversation with Dr Hugh Rayner, Retired Consultant Nephrologist and campaigner for “Please Write to Me”.

Dr Rayner gained a first-class degree in physiology at Cambridge University before qualifying with honours at the London Hospital Medical College in 1981. He was awarded an MD from the University of Leicester for studies on experimental models of kidney disease. He was appointed as a consultant in Birmingham in 1993. He gained a Diploma in Medical Education from Dundee University in 1996. He has published extensively on clinical research topics and is the lead author of a textbook entitled 'Understanding Kidney Diseases'. He retired from clinical practice at the end of 2019.

Dr Rayner began writing outpatient clinic letters directly to patients in 2005. The response from patients was so positive that he has been trying to persuade other doctors to adopt the practice ever since.



### Materials

- [BMJ Article – Writing Outpatient Letters to Patients](#)
- [Academy of Royal Medical Colleges: Please Write to Me](#)
- [GMC – Please Write to Me](#)
- [Montgomery v Lanarkshire](#)
- [Gallardo v Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust](#)
- [See also - Rajatheepan v Barking, Havering and Redbridge NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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