

## Chartered Health and Safety Practitioner

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### SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

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I provide safety support to organisations including professional football clubs, universities, and local authorities as well as construction, manufacturing, and service industry employers. In my work I can draw on over 30 years of experience in the management of occupational safety and risks.

I specialise in sport and sports facilities management safety. I was responsible for health and safety within a Premier League Football Club for 8 years and continue to be active in the professional sports field. My safety career began when I provided safety training as an RAF Parachute Jump Instructor.

I am an expert in accident investigation. My specialist fields include accidents at work (including military service) and accidents occurring in sport, leisure, educational and recreational settings. My experience also includes facilities management and the investigation of slips, trips and falls.

I have experience in the public housing sector and report on cases of disease alleged to be caused by exposure to mould in a domestic setting.

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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- Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate
- NVQ Level 5 in Operational Management
- NVQ Level 4 in Occupational Health and Safety
- NVQ 4 Spectator Safety Management (requirement for event Safety Officers)
- ICRA Registered Internal Auditor
- RIPH Food Hygiene and Safety Intermediate Certificate
- IOSH accredited to deliver Leading, Managing and Working Safely
- Fire Risk Assessment training qualification

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
- Practitioner Member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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- BA (Hons) Physical Education (1986)
- PGCE Physical Education (1987)

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### **2020 – Date, Pragma and Associates Ltd, Chartered Health and Safety Practitioner**

Provision of expert health and safety advice to support organisations in developing and improving their safety culture. Responsible for delivering a range of health and safety services to clients including acting as the competent person, carrying out in-depth gap analysis for safety standards and delivering IOSH accredited training at all levels. Expert witness commissions following accidents within my field of expertise.

### **2019 – 2020, Pennington Choices Ltd, Senior Health and Safety Consultant**

Responsible for delivering a range of health and safety services to clients including acting as the competent person, carrying out gap analysis for safety standards, training and supporting clients with developing and managing their health and safety culture.

### **2017 – 2019, Ellis Whittam, Health and Safety General Manager**

#### **2014 – 2017, Ellis Whittam, Health and Safety Regional Manager**

Responsible for the management of three regional managers, who in turn manage over 35 home-based consultants. Supporting the Director with strategic planning and decisions. As the regional manager, I was responsible for the Northern team of 15 home-based health and safety consultants. Supported and advised a wide range of clients including Liverpool Football Club, care homes, construction companies and a variety of retail organisations.

### **2006 – 2014, Bolton Wanderers Football Club, Operations Manager**

Managed the health and safety and environmental aspects of the business including a 30,000 seat Stadium, two satellite training grounds and a 125 bedroom hotel. I acted as the 'competent person' for all Health and Safety aspects of the business, including player staff risk assessments and fulfilling the Responsible Person role under the terms of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order. I also provided health and safety advice and guidance during large events and concerts, for example a concert for 'Pink' with a capacity of 35,000 people.

### **2003 – 2006, Rochdale Leisure Trust, Facilities and Health and Safety Manager**

Acted as the health and safety advisor for eight leisure centres when the Local Authority Leisure Service became a Leisure Trust. This enabled the facility to gain the Quest Quality Assurance accreditation, thereby demonstrating excellent customer service and continual improvement.

### **2000 – 2003, RAF Sealand, Contract Monitoring Officer**

I was employed to monitor and regulate the Facilities Management Contract with Serco. This contract provided catering and accommodation for 500 Service men and women well as waste management, cleaning, administration, building management and a wide range of additional services for the RAF base.

### **1987 – 2000, RAF, Parachute Jump Instructor (PJI)**

As a Commissioned Officer in the RAF, I was engaged in a number of roles as a PJI during which I successfully completing over 1000 military free-fall descents. I was a Training Officer, attached to Special Forces units to provide specialist advice and training for free-fall and static line parachute operations. I also planned and managed major airborne exercises often involving several thousand troops parachuting into numerous worldwide drop zones. I was also employed as the Team Leader of the RAF Falcons Parachute Display Team, managing and leading a high profile 12-man display team that performed over 120 free-fall displays a year worldwide, often in front of many thousands of spectators.