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### **Background**

Anna graduated from Cambridge University in 2009, before gaining a Masters in Law from QUB. Anna commenced her apprenticeship with Carson McDowell in 2011, and obtained her professional qualification from Queen's Institute of Professional Legal Studies, before being admitted to the Roll of Solicitors.

Anna works within the Healthcare team at Carson McDowell assisting in the professional defence of doctors, dentists and pharmacists. Anna works closely with partner Clare Bates, and has gained experience in the law relating to public inquiries. Anna has a keen interest in Information Law, and has assisted clients with Data Protection, access to Health Records, and Freedom of Information matters.

### **Experience**

Anna's breadth of experience includes:

#### **Clinical Negligence**

- Assisting in the defence of dentists in relation to a wide range of claims, including claims in respect of periodontal disease, endodontic treatment, restorative dentistry and issues of consent and confidentiality.

#### **Pharmaceutical Claims**

- Assisting in the defence of pharmacists in respect of dispensing errors, as well as trips and falls within pharmacy premises.

### **Information Law**

- Assisting in defending Appeals to the Information Rights Tribunal regarding Freedom of Information Requests.
- Assisting in representing a public authority regarding complaints brought to the Information Commissioner's Office.
- Assisting a private health and social care organisation regarding a third party request for access to health records.
- Assisting in reviewing a Data Sharing Agreement between public sector organisations.
- Advising a public body in relation to complex Data Protection and Freedom of Information requests.

### **Public Inquiries**

- Assisting with the ongoing Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry.