

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Christopher Howard Chambers BA (Hons) PG Dip GradIOSH**

**Summary of experience**

I am able to provide advice and evidence based on ten years' experience as one of HM Inspectors of Health and Safety (previously known as HM Inspectors of Factories). I specialise in the assessment and control of asbestos risks. I have experience of advising employers and enforcing the law on legislation relevant to asbestos.

I have extensive Court experience and have provided oral evidence in Crown Court in complex cases involving multiple defendants. I have presented many cases before the Magistrates' Courts on behalf of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE). My experience includes the provision of expert witness advice in broad ranging circumstances and in relation to matters being dealt with by solicitors, the police, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Procurator Fiscal, the Health & Safety Executive, Trading Standards and Local Authority Inspectors.

I am able to draw on experience of working with employers in a diverse range of industries to achieve practical control of asbestos risks. I have advised employers on the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations, the Asbestos (Licencing) Regulations and the application of authoritative guidance relating to control of asbestos dust.

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**Professional qualifications:**

Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Safety & Health (2004)  
Graduate Member – Institution of Occupational Safety & Health

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**Employment Record**

**2012 – date      Consultant, Pragma Asbestos Ltd**  
**Managing Director, Chris Chambers Consulting Ltd**

Provision of expert advice and evidence in relation to asbestos related disease. Dose assessment and apportionment; consideration of employers' actions in comparison to standards contemporaneous with exposure.

Co-founder and Managing Director of Chris Chambers Consulting Ltd, a company specialising in the provision of independent health and safety advice and expert witness commissions relating to work related injury and ill health.

**2002-2012      HM Inspector of Health and Safety (Factory Inspector), Health & Safety Executive**

Provision of advice to dutyholders and enforcement of health and safety law in a wide variety of industrial and commercial premises, including heavy engineering, high technology industries, foundries, manufacturing, and services industries. Lead inspector for Centrica, British Gas, Greencore Prepared Foods, Rotherham NHS Trust, Rotherham Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Responsible for legal enforcement of the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations and for advising on related legislation and guidance. Provision of advice to HSE and Local Authority Inspectors during asbestos investigations in domestic and commercial properties relating to heating systems and associated building/insulation materials. Advised UK industry and other government agencies on appropriate controls relating to asbestos ahead of GB wide rollout of gas and electric smart meters.

Application of legislation related to control and management of asbestos, noise, vibration, substances hazardous to health, machinery safety, supply of machinery, risk assessment, human factors and management of health and safety. Development of benchmarking standards, enforcement notices and training package on the Enforcement Management Model which has been incorporated in the HSE "*fee for intervention*" work.

Coach for a trainee inspector and mentor for a newly qualified inspector in relation to investigation techniques.

My work has received praise from HSE's legal advisors, solicitor agents, prosecution and defence counsel and courts for its thoroughness, consistency and high quality.

**1997 – 2002      South Yorkshire Police**

Various roles including Deputy Firearms Licensing Officer, Viewing Officer and Administrative Assistant.