

# Doctor with a problem or two

WHEN Sandra Peterson had her marriage annulled on the grounds that her husband was a woman, Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke made it clear that in the eyes of the law Dr Edward Peterson remained a woman, despite a sex-change operation.

No sex-change operation could possibly turn a woman into a man. Sandra Peterson described her "marriage" thus: "Our love life was satisfactory. It was a typical doctor-nurse relationship."

What I find most odd about this very odd case is that Dr Peterson, born Wendy Patricia Acton, works as a senior psychiatrist in a unit for problem children at Peterborough District Hospital.

Odder still is the statement of hospital spokesman Mr John Edwards: "We knew about the doctor's sex change. It does not affect his position at the hospital."

It should do. It should end it. If I had a problem child, I would not like to think of him or her being treated by a woman psychiatrist who thinks she's a man.

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