

DOCTOR IS DIVORCED BECAUSE HE'S A SHE!



'Normal' love life

By SHAN LANCASTER

PRETTY Sandra Peterson was granted a divorce from her doctor husband yesterday—because he is really a woman, a judge decided.

Dr Edward Peterson — born Wendy Acton — underwent a sex-change operation before marrying the 37-year-old medical secretary six years ago.

But Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke said yesterday: "The law as I see it is clear—that a person's sex is determined effectively and for all time at birth."

He granted a decree of nullity, ruling that the marriage should never have taken place.

The doctor, a leading child psychiatrist, was not at the London hearing.

But last night Mrs Peterson choked back tears as she told of the end of her bizarre marriage.

"All I know is that I thought I had a lovely normal marriage to a very masculine man."

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Medical secretary Mrs Peterson said she met Dr Peterson "in a typical nurse-doctor romance" at Peterborough Hospital.

Mrs Peterson, who lives at Longthorpe, Cambs, went on: "Before we married he openly told me he was a trans-sexual and he had had an operation in his late twenties.

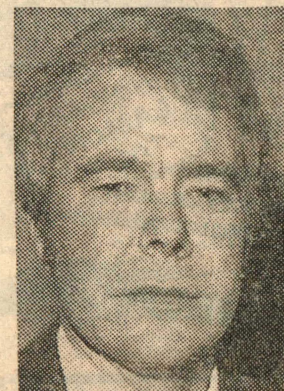
"Our marriage was normal and the same as anyone else's to all intents and purposes. We had a good love life.

"I wanted a divorce because he spent too much time working."

Dr Peterson's boss at Peterborough Hospital, Geoffrey Summers was stunned by the news.

He added: "He is a very competent doctor and I'm sure all his colleagues will continue to have every confidence in him."

Dr Peterson was not available for comment either at work or at home last night.



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