

SPECIALISMS

ADHD
ASD
ADD
Asperger's
Addiction
Alienation
Antisocial Behaviour
Anxiety
Attachment
Bereavement
Bipolar
Capacity
Cultural Diversity
Depression
Domestic Violence
Drug/Alcohol/Substance Misuse
Learning Difficulties
Learning Disabilities
Mood Disorder
Neglect
Non-Accidental Injury
OCD
Paedophilia
Personality Disorders
PTSD
Risk
Sexual Harassment
Schizophrenia
Self Harm
Sex Offenders
Sexual Abuse Victims
Suicidal Ideation

CASE TYPES

ADHD
ASD
Cognitive
Criminal
Educational
Family
Fitness to Plead
Global Family Assessment
Risk Assessments
Capacity Assessment

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

I have been preparing reports as an Expert Witness for 14 years and on average, I prepare at least 40 reports per year providing psychological assessments for Family and Civil Courts and has carried out assessments of prisoners, including in Wandsworth, Pentonville and therapeutic units in Grendon and Springhill prisons. I am also able to assess children, adolescents, adults and full family assessments.

Within the Family and Civil Courts I have prepared reports and regularly given evidence in court on several areas including:

- ***Assessment of attachment and bonding in families***
- ***Assessment of parenting***
- ***Alcohol and drug abuse as pertaining to parenting ability***
- ***Domestic violence, physical, sexual and emotional abuse as pertaining to parenting ability***
- ***Adult cognitive and personality assessment, including own family history in relation to ability to parent.***
- ***Cognitive assessment of adults to determine competence***
- ***Emotional/behavioural assessment of adults and children, including abused/neglected/at risk children***
- ***Proposition of remedial/therapeutic options for the future***
- ***Assessment of learning disabilities***
- ***Psychological risk assessments***

CRB Checked and listed as an Expert Witness in the Directory of Expert Witness Directory.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Qualifications include a BA (Hons) Psychology (University of Wales Swansea), a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (University of Birmingham) and an MSc in Psychology, (University of Strathclyde). Associate Fellow British Psychological Society (2012) AFBPsS. Qualified registered user of a portfolio of psychometric tests and clinical procedures assessing intelligence, personality, trauma symptomatology and psychopathology in both adults and children. Registered with Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). Regularly attends training courses and conferences to keep abreast of developments in her field.

I have been in continuous practice as a Chartered Psychologist since 1987 working with adults, children and families in multi professional settings for Local Authorities including Camden, Westminster, Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Norfolk, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Gwynedd and Kirklees. Throughout this time involved in the assessment of children and families and interventions with parents to change their behaviours to meet their children's needs. Many of these children have experienced physical, sexual and emotional abuse and as such assessing the impact of the behaviour of parents upon children and young people has been a core part of her experience. Has worked extensively with young people with behaviour difficulties including as the consulting psychologist for Local Authority Pupil Referral Units in London Local Authorities.

I have contributed to and run a wide range of professional development activities for staff within Health and Education, on topics including behavioural management, stress, assertiveness and learning difficulties. She has been a member of the Social Services Sub-committee and the Education Sub-committee as a Chartered Psychologist for the National Deaf Children's Society and has carried out assessments for the Dyslexia Institute. From 1992 – 1995 appointed External Manager for the Employment Department for the development of standards and their implementation within the Social Care Sector because of her experience of Social Services and education and the development of standards (NVQ/SVQ's). I have worked as an Occupational Psychologist providing training and mentoring.

Thus, with the original specialist qualification as a Child Psychologist and subsequently trained and experienced in assessing adults.

