

SPECIALISMS

Anxiety
Brain Injury
Capacity
Cultural Diversity
Dementia
Depression
Mood Disorder
PTSD
Stroke

CASE TYPES

Clinical Negligence
Cognitive Assessments
Employment Tribunal
Fitness to Plead
Litigation Capacity
Neuropsychological
Occupational Health
Personal Injury
Road Traffic Accident
Second Opinion
Testamentary Capacity

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Dr Simon Kirwilliam has been acting as an expert witness to the Court since 2014.

Dr Kirwilliam specialises in the **assessment of psychological and neuropsychological injury** relating to **civil proceedings** including **personal injury** and **clinical negligence**.

He has extensive experience working with individuals from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Claimant to defendant ratio is 60:40.

Dr Simon Kirwilliam has consulting rooms in Central London and is able to travel nationwide where required.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **Doctorate in Clinical Psychology** - *University of Oxford*
- **Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Neuropsychology** – *University of Glasgow*
- **Master of Research in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation** - *University of Birmingham*
- **BSc. (Hons) Psychology** - *University of York*

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Registered Practitioner Psychologist - *Health Care Professions Council*
- Chartered Clinical Psychologist – *British Psychological Society*
- Full Membership of the Division of Neuropsychology - *British Psychological Society*
- Civil Procedure Rules Training for Expert Witnesses – *Bond Solon (2016)*
- Excellence in Report Writing – *Bond Solon (2016)*
- Courtroom Skills – *Bond Solon (2018)*
- Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing - *EMDR-Europe*
- Solution-Focused Practice - *BRIEF*

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Nov 2013—Present

Independent Principal Clinical Psychologist and Neuropsychologist
The Cognition Clinic, London

Main roles:

- Independent Expert Witness (*clinical psychology and neuropsychology*)
- Treating clinician for medico-legal personal injury claims (*clinical psychology and neuropsychology*)
- Assessment of mental capacity

Areas of expertise:

- Psychological assessment and treatment of mental health conditions (i.e. adjustment disorder, depression, anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress) associated with personal injury and clinical negligence
- Neuropsychological assessment and treatment of cognitive, neurobehavioural, and psychological functioning following acquired brain injury and post-concussive state associated with personal injury (i.e. road traffic accidents) and clinical negligence
- Cognitive assessment of memory complaints, learning disability, dementia, and intellectual functioning
- Assessment for people from a range of multicultural backgrounds and who do not speak English as a first language

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May 2017—June 2019

Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist (Neuropsychology Pathway Lead)
North East London Foundation NHS Trust, London

Responsibilities include:

- Neuropsychology pathway lead within the Trust
- Provision of neuropsychological assessment for complex cases
- Service development of neuropsychology within specialist neuro-rehabilitation and stroke services
- Provision of clinical supervision to other clinical psychologists working within rehabilitation and memory services.

March 2012—May 2017

Highly Specialist Clinical Neuropsychologist
Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust

Responsibilities include:

- Senior clinical psychologist for community neuropsychology provision within the Trust
- Neuropsychological assessment of individuals with acquired brain injury and neurological conditions
- Cognitive rehabilitation for individuals with acquired brain injury and neurological conditions
- Psychological treatment conditions for individuals with acquired brain injury & neurological conditions
- Inter-disciplinary team working with allied health professionals and medical consultants

Dr Simon Kirwilliam

BSc. Hons MRes. DClinPsych. PgDip. CPsychol.

Principal Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist



June 2010—March 2012

Specialist Clinical Psychologist

Charing Cross Hospital, Imperial College NHS Trust

Responsibilities included:

- Extensive neuropsychological assessment within a cognitive disorders clinic concerning neurological diagnostics
- Provision of post-acute inpatient neuropsychological treatment to individuals with acquired brain injury

June 2010 - January 2011

Specialist Clinical Psychologist

Kensington & Chelsea NHS Primary Care Trust

PUBLICATIONS

- King, N.S & Kirwilliam, S. (2013). The Nature of permanent post-concussion symptoms after mild traumatic brain injury , *Brain Impairment*, 14(2), 235-42
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- Kirwilliam, S.S. & Derbyshire, S.W.G (2008). Increased bias to report heat or pain following emotional priming of pain-related fear. *Pain*, 137, 60-65
- Kirwilliam, S. & Sheldrick, R. (2005). *Managing Fatigue Following Acquired Brain Injury*. Brain and Spinal Injury Charity

