

SPECIALISMS

ADHD
ASD
ADD
Asperger's
Addiction
Alienation
Antisocial Behaviour
Anxiety
Attachment
Antisocial Behaviour
Bereavement
Capacity
Cultural Diversity
Depression
Domestic Violence
Drug/Alcohol/Substance Misuse
Eating Disorder
Historic Sex Abuse
Learning Difficulties
Learning Disabilities
Mood Disorder
Neglect
OCD
Personality Disorders
Postnatal Depression
PTSD
Self Harm
Sex Offenders
Sexual Abuse Victims
Story Stem Therapy
Suicidal Ideation
Together and Apart
Trafficking
Trauma
Victims of Torture

CASE TYPES

ADHD
ASD
Clinical Negligence
Cognitive Assessment
Criminal
Disability Discrimination
Educational
Family Proceedings
Fitness to Plead
Global Family Assessment
Historic Sexual Abuse
Immigration & Asylum
Litigation Capacity
Personal Injury
Road Traffic Accident
Second Opinion

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Registered Psychologist Health Professionals Council	2010
MSc Systemic Psychotherapy (Distinction) Tavistock Centre London	2007
Chartered Psychologist British Psychological Society	2003
MSc Educational Psychology Tavistock Centre London	2001
Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) University of Nottingham	1994
BA (Hons) Psychology and English University of Keele	1992

MEMBERSHIPS

British Psychological Society – associate fellow
British Psychological Society – Division of Child and Educational Psychology
United Kingdom Council of Psychotherapists
Health and Care Professionals Council

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Parenting and Child Service, Great Ormond Street Hospital:
Current post
- Clinical Team Lead for Conduct Disorder Team, Hackney CAMHS
2019-2020
- Senior Clinician Adolescent Mental Health Team, Hackney CAMHS
2007-2019
- Child Psychologist: Westminster LEA, Pupil Referral Unit and LAC
2001-2007

I am a BPS Chartered and HPC Registered Child & Educational Psychologist, with **25 years experience** of working with **children and adolescents**. I have a dual qualification as a Systemic Psychotherapist registered with the UK Council of Psychotherapists.

In my current post as a Senior Clinician at Great Ormond Street Parenting and Child Service, I work within both the Child Care Consultation Team (CCCT) and the Attachment and Trauma Team (AAT). The CCCT is a national service multi-disciplinary team of expert witnesses, conducting **expert assessments in Childcare Proceedings** in both Public and Private Law.

The team has speciality in **father kills mother cases, intergenerational sexual abuse** and in cases involving **Factitious and Induced Illness**.

The AAT is a specialist national service providing specialist expertise in the **assessment and treatment of children and adolescents** with a background of **abuse, neglect or trauma**.

Previous to this, I worked in East London within the NHS in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services as a Clinical Team Lead in a Conduct Disorder Team, providing assessment and treatment to children and adolescents with **severe and pervasive conduct difficulties, where abuse, problematic parenting and trauma** were often primary in the development of the child's needs.

I worked for several years as a senior clinician in an Adolescent Mental Health Team, with adolescents on the verge of Tier 4 admission, presenting with severe and enduring mental health difficulties. In this role, a large component of my work was assessing personality function in adolescents presenting with severe difficulties, as well as **assessment of family functioning** and making judgements on issues relating to **child protection and mental health within the family**.

I worked therapeutically with young people individually or within the family, and conduct mental health assessments. In my work on the emergency rota these assessments were during acute episodes of difficulty.

I work to support children and families to make change. I have extensive experience of working with families where there is **conflict, domestic violence and substance abuse** and in **divorce and contact disputes**. I have had considerable experience of delivering training to professionals & supervision of psychologists in training.

As a Registered Psychologist I have acquired extensive experience of psychological assessment and intervention with children throughout the age range 0-19, presenting with a wide range of different psychological needs, **Special Educational Needs and disability**.

I have specialized in working with, assessing and intervening with children with **conduct disorders, emerging personality disorders, severe mental health difficulties**, and also with **children within the care system**.

I have always worked in highly **diverse areas in terms of culture, ethnicity and class**. I also have extensive experience of assessing **children who do not speak English as their first language**.

From 2001-2006 when working for Westminster LEA I specialized in working with children with behavioural difficulties who had been permanently excluded from school at a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and those within the care system. During this period I worked at the Marlborough Family Service in an Honorary role where I undertook therapeutic work with families and participated in and observed parenting assessments.

I am **very experienced in report writing** and in my work as an expert witness since 2008, I have written reports for the court on **psychological issues of asylum and immigration, contact disputes, assessment of parenting** and the **assessment of the needs of looked after children, including sibling assessment**.

I have provided assessments for **court of children and parents** where there are **concerns about family functioning, neglect and parenting capacity** and **assessed the psychological impact on the child**. I have assessed children and families who are **refugee and asylum seekers** and have been instrumental in highlighting their psychological needs. **I have undertaken over 200 assessments within Court Proceedings, with consistent positive feedback for my work**.

I am trained in the **Parent Development interview, the Dynamic Maturational Model of Attachment, the Adult Attachment Style Interview and the Story Stem Approach to assessing attachment**.



REPORT WRITING EXPERIENCE

My report writing experience covers areas such as:

- The psychological assessment needs of unaccompanied (children and young people) asylum seekers.
- The impact of neglect, violence and poor parenting on a child's cognitive, behavioural, emotional and social development
- The psychological assessment needs of looked after children
- Cognitive profile of parents and children
- Parents' ability to adapt to children's changing developmental needs
- Parents ability to meet the emotional, social, educational and cognitive needs of their children
- Parents' insight into their own mental health/addiction issues and their impact on parenting
- Attachment and bonding status of parents, children and sibling groups
- Parents ability to reflect on and change parenting behaviours
- High conflict contact disputes

COURT EXPERIENCE

I have been cross examined under oath in cases of Public and Private Law in the Family Court and County Court. I have attended expert meeting requested by the courts in Childcare cases. I am trained in in writing reports for the courts and in courtroom skills.