

## SPECIALISMS

Addiction  
Anxiety  
Bereavement  
Bipolar  
Brain Injury  
Capacity  
Chronic Pain  
Custody  
Depression  
Domestic Violence  
Drug/Alcohol/Substance Misuse  
Historic Sex Abuse  
Military  
Mood Disorder  
Neglect  
Non-Accidental Injury  
OCD  
Pain Management  
Personality Disorders  
Psychosis  
Psychosomatic  
PTSD  
Schizophrenia  
Self Harm  
Sexual Abuse Victims  
Suicidal Ideation  
Stroke  
Tourette's  
Trauma  
Victims of Torture

## CASE TYPES

Clinical Negligence  
Criminal  
Disability Discrimination  
Employment Tribunal  
Family  
Fitness to Plead  
Historic Sexual Abuse  
Housing  
Immigration & Asylum  
Litigation Capacity  
Neuropsychiatric  
Occupational Health  
Personal Injury  
Road Traffic Accident  
Second Opinion  
Testamentary

## BIOGRAPHY

I am an independent consultant psychiatrist in the fields of general adult psychiatry, liaison and neuropsychiatry, and addictions psychiatry. I have a Masters in Clinical Neuropsychiatry (2019), and a Masters in the Clinical and Public Health Aspects of Addictions (2005), both from King's College London/Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital, London.

## MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

I prepare an average of 150 reports per year in civil, criminal and family proceedings including housing, asylum and occupational health proceedings. I have appeared in crown courts and magistrates' courts including the Old Bailey.

% for a) Claimant 60  
Defendant 30  
Joint 10

Court/tribunal attendances in last 3 years: 12

I have Expert Witness Certificates (2012) in Civil, Criminal and Family Law from Cardiff University Law School and Bond Solon.

I have attended PROSOLS advanced training (Giles Eyre 9 Gough Square) in Report Writing and Understanding Legal Tests.

I have attended Clinical Negligence training delivered by Specialist Info (Jonathan Dingle 218 Strand).

I have undertaken multiple visits to clients in their homes, in prison and at solicitors' offices.

I have prepared reports in a broad range of cases as follows:

### Personal injury (accidents & assaults)

- PTSD
- Depression
- Chronic pain and syndromes
- Functional neurological disorders
- Exacerbation of pre-existing mental illness
- Traumatic brain injury
- Neuropsychiatry
- Somatic symptom disorder



## Criminal

- Fitness to plead/stand trial
- Mens rea assessments
- Drug and alcohol assessments
- CICA assessments

## Family

- Parental mental health assessments in childcare proceedings
- Personality disorders
- Drug and alcohol assessments

## Employment

- Disability and discrimination
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Assessments of work fitness

## Housing

- Disability and vulnerability due to mental illness
- Risk assessments

## Immigration

- Asylum and deportation proceedings

## Capacity

- Testamentary capacity
- Capacity to make decisions about litigation, finances, residence and care
- Assessments for LPA
- COP4 assessments

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- MB BCh BAO BA -Trinity College Dublin 1993
- MRCPsych - 1998
- CCST with Endorsement in Addictions - 2005
- MSc in Addictions - King's College London 2005
- MSc in Clinical Neuropsychiatry - King's College London 2019 Approved Clinician/Approved under Section 12 (2) of the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007).



## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

- Expert Witness Certificates (2012) in Civil, Criminal and Family Law from Cardiff University Law School and Bond Solon
- British Neuropsychiatry Association.
- Faculty of Neuropsychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatrists. UK General Medical Council.
- Medical Protection Society. British Medical Association.
- UK Register of Expert Witnesses.

## **PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS**

I was previously a fulltime substantive consultant psychiatrist from 2006 to 2017 for East London NHS Foundation Trust. I worked in an inner-city area with high rates of severe and complex mental illness. During that time, I worked as a consultant liaison psychiatrist for five years based in Homerton University Hospital, treating patients with physical health problems with co-existing mental illness, including patients with dementia and other neurodegenerative conditions, and patients with functional neurological disorders including chronic pain syndromes and medically unexplained symptoms.

During this time, I also provided neuropsychiatric input into the local Regional Neurological Rehabilitation Unit at Homerton University Hospital for patients with acquired brain injury. I have additionally been a consultant in Home Treatment and Assertive Outreach Services. I also have experience as a locum consultant psychiatrist in Addictions Psychiatry in Georges and South West London NHS Trust.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

I studied at Trinity College Dublin, and I trained in psychiatry from 1994 at St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin under the late Professor Anthony Clare. I completed my senior training in East London in the boroughs of Hackney and Newham. I have training and experience in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness in the fields of general adult psychiatry, psychiatric intensive care and prison psychiatry, liaison and neuropsychiatry (treatment of mental disorder arising from physical disorder), and addictions psychiatry.

I have a Masters in the Clinical and Public Health Aspects of Addictions (2005) and a Masters in Clinical Neuropsychiatry (2019) from King's College London/Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital, London. I am a member of the British Neuropsychiatry Association and the Faculty of Neuropsychiatry at the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

## **EXPERTISE & SPECIAL INTERESTS**

I have particular experience in treating patients with:

- Addictions
- Mood disorders
- Personality disorders
- Psychotic illnesses
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Histories of child sexual abuse
- Psychological problems associated with physical health problems
- Chronic pain and mental health problems
- Medically unexplained symptoms
- Neuropsychiatric conditions including traumatic brain injury
- Assessment of mental capacity