

# Dr Fanny Black

BSc. (Hons.) MSc. ForenPsyD.HCPC

Forensic Psychologist

## SPECIALISMS

ASD  
Addiction  
Antisocial Behaviour  
Anxiety  
Bipolar  
Capacity  
Cognitive Assessments  
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy  
Custody  
Depression  
Domestic Violence  
Drug/Alcohol/Substance Misuse  
Fire setting  
Historic Sex Abuse  
Learning Difficulties  
Learning Disabilities  
Mood Disorder  
Neglect  
OCD  
Paedophilia  
Personality Disorders  
Psychosexual  
Psychosis  
PTSD  
Radicalisation  
Risk  
Schizophrenia  
Self Harm  
Sex Offenders  
Sexual Abuse Victims  
Trauma  
Suicidal Ideation  
Suggestibility and Testimony

## CASE TYPES

ASD  
Capacity Assessments  
Cognitive Assessments  
Criminal  
Family Proceedings  
Forensic  
Historic Sexual Abuse  
Immigration  
Neuropsychological  
Risk Assessments

## LEGAL AND COURT WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assessment of mentally disordered offenders and preparation of reports for Mental Health Review Tribunals, Criminal, Family and Civil courts, including assessments requiring interpreter.
- Experience in preparation of court reports relating to sexual offending.
- Experience in preparation of court reports relating to violent offenders.
- Experience in the assessment of Mental Capacity
- Experience in assessment of cognitive functioning
- Experience in preparation of court reports relating to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

## BIOGRAPHY

Dr Fanny Black is a HCPC registered Forensic Psychologist and has held specialist roles across various settings including community mental health, prison, medium-secure hospital, adult acute and medium secure CAMHS.

Dr Black holds the post of Honorary Lecturer in the Psychology Department at the Institute of Psychiatry, London, where she teaches trainee Psychologists

Dr Black has experience in assessing and treating sex offenders with and without formal disorder. She has experience in the assessment and treatment of individuals who have suffered extreme trauma, and has conducted assessment in matters of asylum.

Dr Black has extensive experience preparing reports for a number of different Courts, both civil and criminal, including experience of offering opinion in immigration tribunals. Dr Black provides expert assessments and opinions on mental health, offending and violence, personality disorder, sexual offending, domestic violence, fire-setting, substance misuse, and Immigration matters. She provides over 50 reports per year.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Severe Mental Health problems and Personality Disorder
- PTSD/Trauma & Self-Harm
- Suggestibility and Testimony
- Sexual and Violence Risk
- Fire Setting
- Mental Capacity Act Assessments
- Cognitive Assessments
- Substance Misuse
- Immigration / Asylum

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2016 Doctor of Psychology in Forensic Psychology, (ForenPsyD)  
University of Birmingham
- 2011 Masters of Science, Psychoanalytic Developmental Psychology  
University College London
- 2010 Bachelor of Science, Psychology, City University London



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## SPECIALIST TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2016	HCR-20v3 Risk Assessment
2016	Comprehensive Assessment of Psychopathic Personality
2015	Working with Fire Setters
2014	International Personality Disorder Evaluation
2014	Neurocognitive Assessment Workshop

## WORK HISTORY

### **2019 – present Private Practice**

Forensic psychological assessment and opinions in criminal and civil proceedings

### **2020 – Present Honorary Lecturer, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neurosciences**

Doctoral students teaching, Clinical Psychology training

### **2019 – 2021 Senior Forensic Psychologist, Lewisham Community Forensic Team**

Psychological assessments  
Risk management & formulation  
Individual therapy  
Supervision, training and development  
Reflective practice facilitator  
Training provision  
Consultation with multi-professional groups  
Research & clinical audits

### **2019 – 2019 Lead Psychologist, Psychiatric Liaison Lewisham Hospital**

Assessments (Risk: violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, firesetting; Personality; Cognitive)  
Crisis management  
Frequent attenders Anticipatory Management Plans  
Case formulation & case management  
Team reflective practice  
Research and Clinical Audits

### **2016 – 2018 Forensic Psychologist, River House MSU**

Thames ward, Sub-Acute Thames ward, Sub-Acute Medium Secure ward, River House Medium Secure Unit, Bethlem Royal Hospital Assessments (Risk: violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, firesetting; Personality; Cognitive)  
Individual therapy (trauma-focused, Index Offence work, Substance Misuse, Mood Disorders,..)  
Group therapy  
Supervision of MSc students & assistant psychologists  
Research & clinical audits

### **2015 – 2016 Acting Forensic Psychologist, HMP Wandsworth**

Psychological assessments; Risk management & formulation; Individual therapy; Supervision, training and development; Reflective practice facilitator  
Training provision (Personality Disorder, Gang membership, Self-harm)  
Consultation with multi-professional groups  
Research & clinical audits



- 2013 – 2015**     **Trainee Forensic Psychologist, Bethlem Royal Hospital**  
Therapies Department, River House Medium Secure Unit, Bethlem Royal Hospital  
Assessments (Risk: violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, fire setting; Personality; Cognitive)  
Individual therapy (trauma-focused, Index Offence work, Substance Misuse, Mood Disorders, ...)  
Group therapy  
Research & clinical audits
- 2012 – 2013**     **Assistant Psychologist, Bethlem Royal Hospital**  
Therapies Department, River House Medium Secure, Bethlem Royal Hospital  
Risk Assessment: HCR-20  
Assessment: suitability for inpatient treatment  
Individual therapy: DBT-based, CBT-based, anger management  
Psycho-educational groups: Managing Mental Health, Substance Awareness, HCR-20 and Recovery  
Supervision: Biweekly clinical supervision  
Research: outcome measures
- 2012 – 2012**     **Psychosocial Therapist, Bethlem Royal Hospital**  
Forensic Intensive Psychological Treatment service for personality disorder.  
Assessment monitor progress.  
Deliver tailored care for adult male service users.  
Deliver one-to-one therapeutic interventions.  
Maintain accurate and confidential patient records.  
Conduct clinical audits.
- 2011 – 2012**     **Clinical Support Worker, Bethlem Royal Hospital**  
Specialist CAMHS adolescent forensic inpatient.  
Multidisciplinary, evidence-based, inpatient assessment and treatment service for young people with severe behavioral and mental health problems.  
Liaising with families and services involved in the young person's care, including probation services, youth offending services, GPs, CAMHS services, social services and multi-agency Public protection agencies.
- 2010 – 2012**     **Honorary Assistant Clinical Psychologist, CHU Brugmann UVC (Brussels)**  
Affective disorders inpatient.  
Assist with providing psychological intervention and treatment of adult inpatient service users.  
Shadow the work of a clinical psychologist and attend one-to-one therapeutic sessions supervised by the clinical psychologist.  
Participate in multi-disciplinary sessions.  
Develop a therapeutic relationship and working alliance

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Black, F. & Bishopp, D. (in preparation). The continuum of sexual offending: Discriminating sexual murderers and sexual offenders.

Poster presentation & Abstract publication – Research in Forensic Mental Health Services, Institute of Psychiatry, London. Black, F. (2015). Are Firesetters different from other offenders? A systematic review of firesetters' psychological characteristics relative to other offenders



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West London NHS Trust, Internal publication. Pretorius, I. & Chatel, F. (2011).

“Audit and evaluation of the Child Psychotherapy Outreach Project at the Randolph Beresford early years centre”

West London Mental Health NHS Trust.

Presentation of MSc Thesis, CAFS Team, West London NHS Trust

Chatel, F. & Pretorius, I. (2012). “Changing parental perceptions of their child and its impact on the psychotherapy process”. Presentation at the CAFS (Child, Adolescent and Family Services) West London NHS Trust (2012).

Poster presentation at the Experimental Psychology Meeting, UCL, London

Tretyak, V., Chatel, F., and Yarrow, K. “Response speeding via trial-to-trial persistence of motor plans in dorsal pre-motor cortex.” Poster presented as part of the Experimental Psychology Meeting, London, 06th January 2010.

## OTHER LANGUAGES SPOKEN

French



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