Professor Cornelius Katona

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CASE TYPES

Immigration & Asylum Litigation Capacity Testamentary Capacity **GMC No. 2434126**

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

MB BChir (Cantab) 1978 University of Cambridge
MRCPsych 1983 Royal College of Psychiatrists
MD 1990 University of Cambridge
FRCPsych 1994 Royal College of Psychiatrists

Professor Katona was appointed Medical Director at the Helen Bamber Foundation (www.helenbamber.org) in 2012. He is currently the Foundation's Honorary Medical and Research Director. He is a Commissioner within the Commission on the Integration of Refugees (https://refugeeintegrationuk.com/) and serves as co-Chair of its Steering Committee.

Professor Katona holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Cambridge and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He is recognized by the General Medical Council as a specialist in general psychiatry.

In 2019 Professor Katona was awarded the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Honorary Fellowship, the College's highest honour, for his 'outstanding service to psychiatry'.

Professor Katona has prepared more than 2000 expert medical reports since 2006, first with the Medical Justice Network and, since 2008, with the Helen Bamber Foundation and in his private capacity. He remains Hon Professor, Division of Psychiatry, University College London, and leads on Refugee and Asylum Mental Health for the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Professor Katona is Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry, University of Kent (since 2009) and was Hon Consultant Psychiatrist, Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (2003-2012). From 1998 to July 2003 he was Dean, Royal College of Psychiatrists. He was Editor in Chief, Journal of Affective Disorders (1994-2015); Co-Chair, Section of Affective Disorders (2002-2011; Chair 1996-2002) and Co-chair, Section of Geriatric Psychiatry (1999-2010), World Psychiatric Association; Chair, Old Age Taskforce, World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (2001-2010); Online CPD Editor, Royal College of Psychiatrists (2003-7); Member, South East Region Research Ethics Committee (2007-2012); Chair, Dementia Clinical Studies Group, DeNDRON (2008-2012).



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Professor Katona's relevant employment history includes: House Surgeon to Mr Southam, Epsom District Hospital (February 1979 - July 1979); SHO and Registrar, Fulbourn Hospital Cambridge (April 1980 - June 1982); Research Fellow and Hon. Senior Registrar with Prof E.S. Paykel, St. George's Hospital Medical School (January 1983 - December 1984); Lecturer in Psychiatry and Hon. Senior Registrar with Prof. E.S. Paykel, St. George's Hospital Medical School (January 1985 September 1985); Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry, University College and Middlesex School of Medicine and Hon. Consultant, Bloomsbury and Islington Health Authority (January 1986 February 1991); Professor of Psychiatry of the Elderly, Department of Psychiatry, Royal Free and University College Medical School (March 1991 – December 2002); Hon. Consultant, N Essex Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (since March 1991); Dean, Kent Institute of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Kent (January 2003 – September 2008)

For several years Professor Katona was Chairman of the UCL Medical School's Psychiatric Teaching Committee and took overall responsibility for undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in psychiatry. He was closely involved in developing the psychiatry components of the radically revised UCL curriculum arising both from the merger with the Royal Free Hospital Medical School and the requirements of Tomorrow's Doctors. He is the author of an undergraduate textbook of psychiatry, Psychiatry at a Glance (6th edition published in 2016).

Professor Katona has co-authored a systematic review of the effects of asylum detention on mental health which has been published by the British Journal of Psychiatry. He chaired a Royal College of Psychiatrists working party on the writing of asylum and immigration related psychiatric reports for the courts, which was published in 2015 and is available at https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/usefulresources/publications/collegereports/cr/cr199.aspx. He has also developed Royal College of Psychiatrists Position Statements on the definition of torture in the immigration detention context https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/pdf/PS07_2016.pdf and on the decision-making capacity of immigration detainees https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/pdf/PS03_17.pdf. He was a member of the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) expert group updating guidelines on the treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (published in December 2018 - https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng116.

Professor Katona has published over 300 papers as well as numerous book chapters and 16 edited books.



