

SPECIALISMS

ADHD, ASD, ADD, Asperger's Diagnosis
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Addiction
Anxiety
Alienation
Attachment
Bereavement
Bipolar
Capacity
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
Cultural Diversity
Custody
Depression
Domestic Violence
Drug/Alcohol/Substance Misuse
Eating Disorder
Epilepsy
Fabricated Illness / Munchausen
Historic Sex Abuse
Learning Difficulties
Mood Disorder
Neglect
Non-Accidental Injury
OCD
Paedophilia
Pain Management
Perinatal
Personality Disorders
Postnatal Depression
Psychosexual
Psychosis
Psychosomatic
PTSD
Risk
Schizophrenia
Self Harm
Sex Change
Sex Offenders
Sexual Abuse Victims
Together and Apart
Tourette's
Trafficking
Trauma
Victims of Torture

CASE TYPES

Clinical Negligence
Criminal
Disability Discrimination
Family Proceedings
Fitness to Plead
Forensic
Historic Sexual Abuse
Immigration & Asylum
Litigation Capacity
Personal Injury
Risk Assessments
Road Traffic Accident
Second Opinion
Testamentary Capacity

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Having initially trained under Consultant Child and Family Psychiatrist, Dr David Jones in Oxford, I have worked extensively in areas of personal injury, childcare, contact proceedings and capacity, nationwide.

I have particular expertise in evaluating the impact of trauma on young people, as well as the assessment and management of neurodevelopmental conditions such as Asperger's, ASD, ADHD

Over 900 reports written for the Courts in relation to:

Personal injury in relation to children and young people following trauma;
Psychological adjustment in children and young people with neurodevelopmental impairment and psychiatric difficulties;
the psychological impact of child abuse.

Member of the Expert Witness Institute: 1997

Trained in the legal aspects of report writing and giving evidence in Court. Reports prepared for the Magistrates Court, County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal and at the request of the Official Solicitor.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ASD, Asperger's and ADHD);
Development of Multi-Disciplinary Teams;
Management of risk;
Trauma;
Psychological impact of child maltreatment;
Parental Alienation;
Multi-agency working;
Children of parents with drug and alcohol issues

THE ASD SERVICE

I offer an ASD service with my colleague, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Dr Elizabeth Croft, undertaking comprehensive neurodevelopmental assessments for ASD and ADHD including relevant standardized testing and interviews.

ACHIEVEMENTS AS A CONSULTANT

The creation of a 'core' CAMHS Tier 3 community outpatient child and adolescent mental health service in Bury, Lancashire comprising development of a multi-disciplinary team which involved working closely with managers, paediatricians, general practitioners and social services to establish a user-friendly, comprehensive service. Particularly challenging was the full integration of the existing child psychology service into the CAMHS which was accomplished through the full support of the Medical Director and Chief Executive.

Instrumental in the establishment of an effective outpatient clinic for children with ADHD and co-morbidity.

Jointly ran a Social and Communication Clinic with a Consultant Clinical Psychology colleague and a member of the Autism Diagnostic Sub-Group.

Consultant responsibility for the supervision and management of children and adolescents admitted to the local Day Unit in Blackburn.

Single-handed Consultant for the child and adolescent community service in Maidstone when Consultant colleague went on long term sick leave for 18 months.

Visiting Psychiatrist to the Caldicott Foundation, Ashford, a social services' residential care provision providing psychiatric assessments for young people who have experienced early trauma.

Lead Consultant in Sussex Partnership Trust Tunbridge Wells area for young people with Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Eating Disorders.

Consultant Psychiatrist for an Inpatient Adolescent Unit (low dependency) at the Priory Ticehurst House delivering short- and medium-term assessments and treatment for young people with mental health difficulties nationally. Working to provide high quality interventions and manage risk while balancing the differing expectations of the young people, their parents and the local agencies and minimising the disruption caused by their removal from home and school.

Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Re: Cognition Health including Lead Consultant for Neurodevelopmental Services for Children and Young People.

Member of the Expert in Mind Supervision panel

QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualified in Medicine (MBBS): London 1984
- Higher Psychiatric Training: St Mary's Hospital, London 1985 - 1992
- Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (MRCPsych): London 1991
- Child and Family Psychiatric training: Oxford 1992 - 1996
Specialist training in child, adolescent and family psychiatry on the Oxford Higher Training Scheme under supervision of Dr D P H Jones at the Park Hospital (offering outpatient child and adolescent services as well a residential provision for families in which abuse had occurred) and Dr Tony James at the Highfield Adolescent Inpatient Unit.
- Consultant Child and Family Psychiatrist, Fairfield General Hospital, Bury: February 1996 - December 2001
- Consultant Child and Family Psychiatrist, Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn: January 2002 - February 2005
- Consultant Child and Family Psychiatrist, Gatland House, Maidstone, Kent: March 2005 - May 2007
- Consultant Child and Family Psychiatrist, The Homeopathic Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent: June 2007 – Dec 17
- Consultant Child and Family Psychiatrist in the Outpatient Department at the Priory Hospital, Ticehurst House: 2009 – present
- Consultant Child and Family Psychiatrist for Garden Court Inpatient Adolescent Unit at The Priory Hospital, Ticehurst House, East Sussex: June 2013 – October 2014.
- Consultant Child and Family Psychiatrist and Lead Psychiatrist for the Neurodevelopmental Service at Recognition Health, London: 2015 - 2018



EXPERIENCE

Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for The Wells Clinic for Children and Young People, Tunbridge Wells
December 2017 - present

Report writing for Expert in Mind receiving instructions in relation to child care proceedings, contact proceedings and personal injury

Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (FRCPC): 1997

Trained in the assessment and diagnosis of Autism Spectrum conditions in children, adolescents and adults: Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS); Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-R); The developmental, dimensional and diagnostic interview (3Di); Assessment and Diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome in Adults – AAA.

Clinical Certificate: Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology 2018

CLINICAL AUDIT

I participate in clinical audit on a regular basis. I have been involved in the following projects:

Adolescent Repeated Self-Harm Trial, University of Manchester

Clinical Audit of Parent Satisfaction regarding the effectiveness of out-patient services for ADHD, Blackburn

US/UK Childhood Mania Study

Regional audit of CAMHS prescribing

TOuCAN Project - Trial of outcome for child & adolescent anorexia, University of Manchester & University of Liverpool

Booth Hall Family Relations Project, University of Manchester

Melatonin and Methylphenidate Prescribing

TEACHING

I have participated in training, teaching, supervision and consultation to local schools, resource/rehabilitation centres and to the Social Services during my career to date. Throughout my career to date, I have had a strong commitment towards teaching, including undergraduate students, postgraduate students, nurses, psychologists and paediatricians. I have participated in formal and informal academic programs on a regular basis. I have been involved in Teaching Communication Skills to paediatric junior doctors and regularly examined Year 4 medical students in communication skills for the MB ChB. I also give talks to schools regarding Child and Adolescent Psychiatry to encourage prospective undergraduates to consider a career in psychiatry.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Autism Task Group (2004);

Advisory Board of Equasym XL (December 2003);

Chairman of CAMHS Mental Health Project, North-West Region (2001-2002);

West Kent Local Child Protection Co-ordinating Committee (2007 to 2015); Local Eating Disorders Group (2013 to 2018)

MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES

Association of Child Psychologists and Psychiatrists;

Child Concern;

British Medical Association;

British Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect;

Justice;

AHA Foundation;

Independent Doctors' Federation October 2016

