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SPECIALISMS

ADHD
ASD
ADD
Asperger's
Addiction
Alienation
Anxiety
Antisocial Behaviour
Attachment
Bereavement
Capacity
Chronic Pain
Cultural Diversity
Custody
Depression
Domestic Violence
Drug/Alcohol/Substance Misuse
Eating Disorder
Fabricated Illness
Historic Sex Abuse
Learning Difficulties
Learning Disabilities
Military
Mood Disorder
Munchausen
Neglect
Non-Accidental Injury
OCD
Old Age
Paedophilia
Pain Management
Postnatal Depression
Psychosexual
PTSD
Radicalisation
Self Harm
Sexual Harassment
Trafficking
Trauma
Victims of Torture

CASE TYPES

ADHD/ ASD
Clinical Negligence
Cognitive
Criminal
Disability Discrimination
Educational
Employment Tribunal
Family
Forensic
Global Family Assessment
Historic Sex Abuse
Housing
Immigration & Asylum
Litigation Capacity
Personal Injury
Road Traffic Accident
Risk Assessments

*Registered Practitioner Psychologist/Chartered Scientist
Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society
Accredited Expert Witness/EMDR Therapist*

EXPERIENCE AS AN EXPERT WITNESS:

I have experience as an Expert Witness of undertaking assessments and compiling reports for:

- Criminal Court
- Civil Court
- Family Court (Public and Private)
- Immigration Service
- Employment Tribunal

EXPERT WITNESS AND RELATED TRAINING

- Introduction to Expert Witness Skills- BPS
- Report Writing Skills- BPS and Bond Solon
- Criminal Law and Procedure (Bond Solon)
- Family Law and Procedure (Bond Solon)
- Civil Law and Procedure (Bond Solon)
- Providing Evidence in Court and Cross Examination- Forensic Psychology Practice (FPP)
- Courtroom Skills Training - Bond Solon
- Cross Examination – Bond Solon
- PTSD and Trauma - Centre for Stress and Stress Management
- Risk Assessment Tools Training-University Certificates (START and HCR-20) UCL, Preston (May 2011)
- International Personality Disorder Examination (IPDE) Eclipse Psychological Services (April 2011)
- WAIS-IV Administration and Interpretation Training (Bowland Psychological Services (March 2011)
- [Cardiff University Law School Expert Witness \(CUBS\)](#) Accreditation (July 2012)
- Diploma in Neuro-Linguistic Programming (2015) (NLP Centre of Excellence) (2014)
- Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence Course (NLP Centre of Excellence) (2015)

I have previously been instructed to undertake expert witness reports on a number of topics & my expertise lies within the following areas:-

Family Law

- Parental Assessments – Including Risk Assessments & Parenting Assessments
- Mental Capacity Assessment
- Domestic violence
- Emotional and Sexual abuse
- Personality Disorders (provide opinion on personality / psychological disorder rather than diagnose the personality/ psychological disorder)

- Sexual offences/Sexualised behaviours/Grooming
- Child and Adult (ADHD, Asperger's / Autism)
- Risk and ability to protect a child
- Substance abuse and Addictions: Drugs, Alcohol, Gambling etc
- Family Assessments / Dynamics / Attachment / Parental Alienation
- Child Development Issues
- Attachment
- Factitious Illness
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Forced Marriages
- Issues of Family Based Honour / Inter-country adoption
- Gender identity/transgender/transsexual issues and assessments
- The dynamics of gender identity and change of an individual within multi-cultural families
- The dynamics of bisexuality and homosexuality within multi-cultural families

Criminal Law

- Pre-sentencing reports
- Fitness to Plead and Stand trial
- Risk assessments including Arson
- Suggestibility
- Loss of control
- Sexual / Violent crime
- Parole Board Assessments
- Personality Disorders
- Dangerousness/Risk Assessment
- Violence/Self Harm/Suicide
- Offender Assessment
- Abnormal Behaviour
- Mental Disorders
- Rape / Sexual abuse
- Crime Victims / Torture Victims
- Child Abuse
- Arson Cases
- Murder and Manslaughter Cases
- Serious Crime (Money Laundering, Drug Trafficking and Terrorism)

Personal Injury

- Road Traffic Accidents
- Workplace Accidents
- Trauma Sequelae
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Malingering – fraudulent simulation or exaggeration of symptoms assessments
- Anxiety Disorders / Depression / Stress Disorders
- Victims of Crime and Abuse
- Military Claims
- Impact of Disfigurement and Injury



Clinical Negligence

- Medical and Clinical Negligence (Psychological and Emotional Impact)
- Effects of Disfigurement or Injury
- Chronic pain, Depression and Anxiety Following Negligent Treatment

Immigration and Asylum Cases in Children and Adults

- Victims of Torture and Abuse
- Trafficked Victims: Sexual Abuse
- Mental Capacity
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders
- Deportation and its impact on families
- Risk Assessments
- Diagnosis of Mental Health and treatments
- Gender identity claims

Employment Tribunals

- Assessing clients for Dyslexia and its effects
- Effects of Work-Related Stress and alleged stress on employees and unfair dismissal
- Mental Health Problems at Work
- Experience on the issue of disability under the Equality Act or its predecessor the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)
- Workplace discrimination (disability, race, sexual orientation, religion)
- Fitness to work assessments

QUALIFICATIONS AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

I completed an undergraduate psychology degree in 1994, Master's degree in psychology in 1996, an MA in 1997 and a PhD in psychology in 2007 (The University of Manchester). I have also gained a Diploma in Forensic Psychology with Distinction and a Post-graduate Award in Forensic Psychology in 2011.

Since 1998, I have applied my psychological knowledge and skills to research and have held posts in education, as an academic researcher and research psychologist in various academic departments at The University of Manchester and also within in various NHS Trusts in the North West of England. In addition, I have been commissioned for numerous consultancy assignments, which have involved psychological research and clinical practice for children, adolescents and adults.

I am also a Chartered Scientist and registered with the Science Council and a Chartered Psychologist and Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (BPS) and Registered Practitioner Psychologist (HCPC).

In 2007, I embarked upon independent expert witness work and now work in full-time practice as an Expert Witness Chartered Psychologist, undertaking a range of assignments to include, criminal, civil, family, employment tribunal and immigration work. I have accumulated a breadth of experience particularly in the area of human rights, paedophilia and sexual abuse, physical abuse and domestic violence, human trafficking, terrorism and drug trafficking cases and have undertaken assessments of clients in high media profile cases.



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In terms of my clinical practice, I have worked with children, adolescents and adults and families with a whole range of conditions and issues. I have a number of publications in peer reviewed journals and I currently act as a peer reviewer for two academic journals concerning ethnicity, race and health issues.

I have previously been an editorial board member for '*Ethnicity and Race in a Changing World.*' I have also supervised post-graduate MA Social Work dissertations at The University of Manchester for students undertaking research in the area of Forced Marriages and Honour Killings. I have a specialist interest in this field and in race and ethnicity issues. I regularly provide psychological expertise & input to Journalists for press articles in the media covering a wide range of issues of public interest.

I am qualified in psychometric testing and registered with the BPS Psychological Testing Centre's Register of Qualifications in Test Use (RQTU) and have expertise in administering and interpreting a wide range of tests, including but not limited to IQ, Memory, Personality, Suggestibility, Post-traumatic stress, Emotional Functioning, Risk and Psychopathology. I have attained BPS Level A (Ability Testing) and Level B (Personality Testing) and have undertaken specialised training for WAIS-IV and IPDE.

LANGUAGES

I undertake assessments in South Asian languages -Punjabi and Urdu



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