

CURRICULUM VITAE

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MEDICOLEGAL CONSULTATIONS

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QUALIFICATIONS

MBBS - University of London, 1994

MRCPsych - London, 1999

CPE in Law - London , 2005

Bar Vocational Course - BPP Law School, London, 2008

Called to Bar – Lincoln’s Inn, 2008

MBA – University of Warwick (completion 2017)

MEDICOLEGAL EXPERIENCE

I have provided expert evidence in legal cases for 15 years covering a wide range of legal issues.

I have completed over 500 medicolegal reports.

I have acted as a Court appointed expert, for Claimants, Defendants, Public bodies, NHS Trusts, the CPS, Defence Unions, Insurance companies, Inquiries and as expert for the Employment Tribunal.

Preparation of Court Reports and oral evidence

Civil cases :

Medical /clinical negligence in psychiatric practice
Deaths in custody and suicide cases
Psychiatric malpractice
Clinical Negligence
Psychiatric Injury in personal injury cases – causation and quantum
Nervous shock cases

Employment cases

Fitness for work assessments
Assessment of capability and unfair dismissal
Discrimination and Disability assessments
Work related stress and trauma in the workplace
Psychological Injury in employment matters

Mental capacity

Assessment of capacity to make treatment decisions
Assessment of mental capacity to make a contract and other decisions
Deprivation of liberty cases

Criminal cases:

Independent fitness to plead assessments
Prison Transfer assessments
Insanity as a defence in non homicide cases
Defence of Duress
Defences to Murder
Intoxication (including the Tandy defence)
Non insane automatism
Pre-Sentence reports for Probation

I have given oral evidence at all levels of Hearing including at the Central Criminal Court and High Court including cases in the Channel Islands for the Defence and Prosecution Officers, Guernsey.

Court Diversion Scheme

Medical member of team based at South Western Magistrates Court from 11/11/00 – 1/5/02

Other Medico-legal reports:

Independent reports for Parole board hearings
Independent reports for MHRTs
Family Law cases

Further specialist clinico-legal expertise :

Criminal process and defences
Clinical negligence and personal injury
Dismissal from employment
The assessment of mental capacity
The MHA 1983 and 2007

Inquiry experience

Consultant expert Panel Inquiring into deaths into custody HMP Belmarsh
Consultant expert Panel Inquiring into deaths at South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust

Geographical location of medico legal work : experience in providing expert evidence in the UK, Channel Islands (Guernsey and Jersey) and Ireland. Available for expert work globally.

CONSULTANT EMPLOYMENT

Substantive positions :

- **Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Consultant Psychiatrist**
 - **Psychiatric Rehabilitation**
 - **Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit, Oxleas House, Greenwich**
 - **Challenging Behaviour service**
 - **Acute medium Secure service**

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- **Clinical Director, Greenwich Directorate, Oxleas Foundation Trust.**

The Trust at that time comprised of 3 Adult Directorates covering Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich. Whilst I was one of four medical clinical directors the the Trust was awarded *psychiatric service provider of the year* by the Royal College of Psychiatrists and is rated amongst the highest achievers in user and staff surveys. The service I ran also received AIMS accreditation and in the past had been '*National psychiatric intensive care unit of the year*'

The Directorate I led as clinical director was in a large morbid area with a complex managerial structure. My roles were:

Clinical lead for :

- **community services**
- **acute inpatient services**
- **early intervention**
- **liaison psychiatry**
- **substance misuse**

Management lead for ;

- Clinical Governance
- Clinical effectiveness
- Inquiries
- Patient safety

ACADEMIC

- **Honorary Director of Clinico-legal studies within Dept Forensic Sciences, Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College, London**
- **Lecturing**

Lecturer on MSc in Mental Health Law – Criminal Law Concepts and Defences; Consent law at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College

Lecturer on the MRCPsych Course Maudsley Hospital

Lecture and teach on expert witness course which has been developed

Invited speaker at a range of academic meeting and conferences

- **Training events**

Lead trainer for Consultants, S12 doctors, Oxleas NHS Trust – Mental Health Act 2007 course

Trainer for Consultants Surrey and Borders NHS Trust – The Mental Health Act 2007

Co-organiser Oxleas NHS S12 approval Course

Expert witness course/training Director, Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London

- **Trainer Roles**

Educational Supervisor Psychiatric Trainees

MTAS Interviewer : national medical training selection process (London Deanery)

CSIP Mental Health Act Trainer

SPECIALTY TRAINING

Senior House Officer in Psychiatry

St George's Training Scheme, London 1996-1999

Clinical Research Fellow in Forensic Psychiatry (Dec 1999- Nov 2000)

St George's Hospital Medical School

Specialist Registrar in Forensic Psychiatry

Broadmoor Hospital, Berkshire

Shaftesbury Clinic, London

OTHER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Prison Sessions, HMP Highdown (Cat A), HMP Wandsworth

Forensic Psychotherapy, Broadmoor Hospital

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic, St George's Hospital, London

COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE

Chair, academic programme Bracton Centre

Royal College of Psychiatrists, Consultant member accreditation panel

Member Mental Health Legislation Scrutinee Committee – Oxleas NHS Trust

Directorate Board, Forensic and Prison Directorate Oxleas NHS Trust

Consultant Representative Marketing Group, Lean Thinking Group, Bracton Centre

Medical Advisory Committee, Oxleas NHS Trust

Chair Greenwich Quality Board

Chair Consultants Meeting

Trust Committees : CEG, Quality Board, MMG

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES / ORGANISATIONS

Royal College of Psychiatrists
General Medical Council
Medical Defence Union
BMA
Lincoln's Inn (Bar)
Bar Council
UK Register expert witnesses
Sweet and Maxwell Expert Witness Directory
Expert Witness

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

All aspects of the interface between law and psychiatry. I have an interest also in fitness to plead, psychiatric defences in homicide cases and disposal/sentencing options, the MHA and MCA. I am currently developing a thesis on the issue liability and negligence in psychiatric practice for a LL.M. An area of work I am also currently involved in concerns the relationship between the legal and clinical processes in terms of evidence and expert opinion. I have written and lectured extensively on these areas.