

DR. SRIKANTH NIMMAGADDA

CONSULTANT FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST AND PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE

EXPERT WITNESS IN PSYCHIATRY

Qualifications: MBBS, DPM (Ire), MMedSc, FFFLM, LLM (Mental Health Law), MA (Medical Ethics and Law), FRCPsych, FIIOPM, CUEW and MSc in Health Care Management

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CLINIC LOCATIONS: Regus Office in Leeds and various locations around the country; Stewart House Consulting Rooms, Sheffield; 88 Rodney Street, Liverpool. Also home visits, prison visits and appointments at solicitors' offices. **I am prepared to travel throughout the United Kingdom to see the clients for preparation of the reports.**

PRESENT POSITION:

Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Medical Director, Cheswold Park Hospital, Doncaster (February 2008 to date). I am the consultant responsible for inpatients at Cheswold Park Hospital, a 96 bedded Medium Secure and Low Secure Hospital in Doncaster.

I am appointed as a **Professor of Psychological Medicine** at the **International Institute of Organisational Psychological Medicine**.

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- **Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist**, Annesley House (Nottingham) & Hazelwood House (Chesterfield) - Partnerships in Care Organisation. (23.10.2006-31.1.2008)
- **Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist**, Fresh Wings, Runwell Hospital, South Essex Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust. (01.07.06- 22.10.2006)
- East Anglian Higher Specialist Training in Forensic Psychiatry (1.10.2003-30.06.2006).
- Basic Specialist Training in Psychiatry in Hull and East Riding SHO Rotational Scheme. (1.2.2000- 30.09.2003)

GMC REGISTRATION: Full registration, Reg.No. 5201731
Specialist Register: Forensic Psychiatry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND MERITS

- **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery** – NTR University of Health Sciences, India - May 1999

- **Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists** – UK, - June 2003
- **Diploma in Psychological Medicine**, Conjoint Board of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians, Republic of Ireland – November 2003
- **Master of Medical Sciences**, Academic Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences, University of Leeds - August 2007. Merit for Original Research Dissertation.
- **LLM in Mental Health Law**, - University of Northumbria - May 2008. Merits for 3 modules.
- **Membership of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine**, Royal College of Physicians - September 2009
- **Master of Arts (Medical Ethics and Law)** - Department of Professional Ethics at Keele (PEAK) and School of Law, Keele University - December 2009. I passed all the modules with a merit and completed the research dissertation “*Deprivation of Liberty in Psychiatric Settings and Legal Safeguards: Legal and Ethical Considerations*” in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree.
- **Master of Science in Health Care Management** - Manchester Business School, University of Manchester - December 2012. Awarded with merit.

EXPERT WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS

- Certificate of Expert Witness Accreditation (CUEW) - 2014
- CUBS (Cardiff University Law School and School and Bond Solon) Expert Witness Certificate in Criminal Law - 1st March 2014.
- CUBS (Cardiff University Law School and Bond Solon) Expert Witness Certificate in Civil Law - 2^{4th} May 2014.
- CUBS (Cardiff University Law School and Bond Solon) Expert Witness Certificate in Family Law - 24th May 2014.
- Mental Capacity Act Deprivation of Liberty Mental Health & Eligibility Assessor
- Fully accredited for Continuing Professional Development by Royal College of Psychiatrists.

EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

I have attended expert witness skill courses over the last few years and have gained expert skills in report writing and giving evidence in courts. On the Cardiff University Law School and Bond Solon Expert Witness Skill courses between 2012 and 2013, I gained competencies in various modules including ‘excellence in report writing’, ‘witness familiarisation’, civil procedure and law, criminal procedure and law, and family procedure and law etc.

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I have been preparing medico legal reports for courts since 2003. I provide approximately 100 reports annually in both criminal and civil cases for solicitors, CPS, Courts, occupational health physicians and insurance agencies. I have given oral expert psychiatric evidence in courts on numerous occasions in relation to fitness to plead and stand trial, criminal responsibility, dangerousness, partial defences to murder in murder trials and in relation to the imposition of restriction orders (section 41 of MHA 1983) on dangerous mentally disordered offenders. I have given expert psychiatric evidence in magistrates, county courts, the High Court, the Crown Court and at Parole Board hearings and mental health tribunals. My training and study for the LLM in Mental Health Law and the MA in Medical Ethics and Health Care law have equipped me to prepare medico legal reports of high quality and to the highest ethical and professional standards in accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) and Criminal Procedure Rules (CrPR).

An increasing proportion of my work has come in recent years from the Defendant, so that the ratio is now around 65:35 in favour of Claimant work. In addition, many instructions are now on a single joint expert basis.

I prepare expert psychiatric reports in the following areas:

- **Criminal:** Fitness to be interviewed, reliability of police interview evidence, reliability of complainants/witnesses, fitness to plead and stand trial, trial issues (including intent, criminal responsibility, insanity, automatism, duress, provocation, diminished responsibility), sentencing issues (including diagnostic and treatment suitability issues, risk assessment, disposal under the Mental Health Act 1983 and community sentences; Parole Board reports.
- **Civil:** Psychiatric sequelae of road and industrial accidents and other traumatic experiences, such as medical negligence, including post-traumatic stress disorder, psychosomatic disorders, depression/adjustment disorder and anxiety disorders, diagnosis and care reviews, bullying and harassment, exaggeration of symptoms
- **Historical Sexual Abuse Cases:** I have dealt with many historic abuse cases and I am assisting in several group actions at present
- **Capacity Assessments:** Including testamentary capacity
- **Employment Law:** Occupational assessments, disability discrimination, employment stress, personal injury in Employment Act cases
- **Independent Psychiatric Reports:** Mental Health Tribunals (MHTs) and other second opinions
- **Family Law:** Parental assessments in childcare proceedings
- **Asylum seeker/immigration cases:** Psychiatric assessments to consider the impact of trauma, sexual abuse and malingering
- **Fitness to Practise hearings**
- Advice to independent bodies such as Citizens Advice Bureau or trade unions on individual cases.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND SPECIAL INTEREST

Assessment and treatment of mental disorder particularly post-traumatic stress disorder, psychiatric sequelae of head injury, affective disorders including depression & bipolar disorder, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, alcohol and drug dependence, mentally disordered offenders, psychopharmacology (particularly in relation to violence and aggression), women's issues relating to psychiatry, medical ethics and health care law, mental health law,(in particular, in areas related to the MHTs, the Human Rights Act, capacity and consent to treatment).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Terms and conditions are available upon request or following a referral. Appointments can usually be arranged within 2-3 weeks of receipt of instruction (provided all paperwork is available and complete, specifically general practice records) in criminal matters and 4-6 weeks in civil cases. Reports are usually completed within 2-3 weeks (criminal) and 6-8 weeks (civil) but can usually be expedited in appropriate circumstances.