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Curriculum Vitae

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Present

I am currently engaged in independent Chartered Clinical Psychology work in a variety of settings.

These include:

- Completion of a variety of Court assessments and reports addressing clinical issues in cases relating to divorce/separation, custody, deportation, permanence/adoption, contact, trauma, sexual abuse, child interviewing and testimony, and personal injury.

To date I have been instructed to provide more than 600 reports and have been called to give evidence in Court of Session, High Court, Sheriff Court and before Children's Panels and Hearings.

- Assessment and direct therapeutic work, with children, adolescents and young adults addressing a wide variety of psychological presentations.
- Provision of training and presentations on issues relating to child contact disputes, historical sexual abuse, domestic abuse, adolescence, adoption and post permanence contact, and vulnerable witnesses. Prior presentation venues include the Judicial Institute of Scotland, Judicial Studies Institute of England, Faculty of Advocates and professional psychological, fostering/adoption and legal conferences.

I am Chartered by the British Psychological Society, an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society, and am registered with the Health and Care Professions Council who monitor and maintain standards of CPD.

2003 - 2010

In addition to above, I acted as a member of the Fostering Panel (assessing and reviewing foster carers) for Fosterplus (Fostercare) Ltd., and more recently acting as Panel Chair.

October 2002 – October 2004

Clinical Psychologist with Fife Primary Care Trust

(Full time Oct 2002-Nov 2003; Part-time Dec 2003-Oct 2004)

This post was within the Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology Service based at Playfield House, Stratheden Hospital, Fife. This post involved sessional work within clinics in the west of Fife, providing assessment and intervention to young people under the age of eighteen presenting with a wide variety of psychological and behavioural difficulties.

Until going on maternity leave in May 2003 I was also working with the Centre for the Vulnerable Child in Kirkcaldy providing therapy and support to young people from throughout Fife who have experienced sexual abuse.

October 1997 - September 1999:

Research Fellow at the University of Portsmouth.

This was a 2 year post working on a Leverhulme funded project investigating verbal and non-verbal cues to deception, and the ability of others to recognise these cues. During this time I also gave guest lectures on the dynamics and aftermath of sexual violence and presented my Ph.D. findings at a number of conferences.

June 1997 - August 1997:

Postdoctoral post with the Environmental and Industrial Psychology group at the University of St. Andrews

1994 - 1997:

Support worker for the Dundee Rape Crisis Centre.

During this time I worked as a support worker for adult and young women who had experienced rape or child sexual abuse. This involved face-to-face support work, support during court and medical proceedings, and regular crisis telephone support. During my time at the Rape Crisis Centre I assisted in the development of the Young Women's Project which works solely with young women under 16 years of age and was elected to the DRCC Management Committee. Other duties involved attending ongoing training in a wide variety of skills, assisting in training of new volunteers and general assistance in the office.

EDUCATION HISTORY

1999 - 2002

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the South East Thames (Salomons) Training Scheme, Part of Canterbury Christ Church University College.

This clinical doctoral course provides training and experience in a wide variety of assessment techniques and therapeutic models. These include Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, Psychodynamic Psychotherapy, Narrative Therapy, Systemic Models and Integrative Approaches. In addition to core placement experiences in adult, child, learning disability and older adult specialties, I also enjoyed a year-long elective placement specialising in work with adolescents. This included assessment and intervention with clients in outpatient, inpatient, outreach, and family therapy settings.

For my doctoral dissertation I applied the qualitative technique of Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis to "*An Exploration of the Identity Formation of Adolescents in Foster Care*". Data was obtained from in-depth interviews with young people in foster care. At examination this dissertation was awarded a distinction.

I was also trainee representative on the Selection Committee for the Salomons training programme for the period 2001-2002.

1993 - 1997:

Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. Doctoral thesis entitled "Sexual Violence: Dynamics, Aftermath and Intervention".

This was an in-depth examination of the impact of assault characteristics, personal attributions and perceptions, and post-assault interactions on levels of trauma and the process of recovery from rape or child sexual abuse. Data collection involved wide-scale questionnaire sampling of the general public and detailed interviews with survivors. In addition, quantitative studies examining attitudes towards survivors of sexual and physical violence, and methods of education to counteract rape myth belief, were carried out to complement the main body of the research.

1989-1993:

MA Honours degree in Psychology at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

During my degree I also took courses in Biology, Moral Philosophy, and Logic and Metaphysics. My Honours Psychology project was an examination of spatial memory in pre-school children.

PRESENTATIONS and PUBLICATIONS

- Edward (2024). *"Adoption, Permanence and Expert Witness Assessments"*. Presentation for Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh * to take place 19.09.24
- Edward (2023). *"Keeping the Child at the Centre of Permanence Cases"*. Presentation at Brodie's Family Law Conference, Edinburgh
- Edward (2023). *"Post Adoption and Expert Witness Assessments"*. Presentation for Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh.
- Edward (2021). *"Taking Children's Views"*. Presentation at AGM of Family Law Arbitration Group Scotland, Edinburgh
- Edward (2021). *"Trauma-informed practice in family disputes involving children"*. Law Society of Scotland Conference
- Edward (2019). *"Children in Contact Disputes: Issues to Consider"*. Presentation at Tayside, Central & Fife Sheriff's Conference, St. Andrews.
- Edward (2019). *"Parental Alienation and Therapy"*. Presentation at Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh.
- Edward (2019). *"Keeping the Child at the Centre of Psychological Assessments for the Courts"*. Adoption and Fostering Alliance Scotland Legal Conference.
- Edward (2019). *Considering the Vulnerability of Witnesses: The Prevention of Harm which Gaining Best Evidence"*. Presentation to Faculty of Advocates, Edinburgh.
- Edward (2019), (2018). *"Post Adoption Contact and Expert Witness Assessments"*. Presentation at Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh.
- Edward (2016). *"Understanding the Experiences of Victims of Sexual Crimes"*. Presentation at Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh. Presentation at Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh.
- Edward (2016), (2015). *"Understanding the Vulnerability of Adolescents"*. Presentation at Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh.
- Edward (2015) (2014) (2013), (2011), (2010), (2009). *"Vulnerable Witnesses"*. Presentation at Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh.
- Edward (June 2011 to February 2013). *"Understanding the Vulnerability of Witnesses"*, Presentation at Craft of Judging Seminar, Judicial Studies Board, Northampton, England (x6)
- Edward (2010). *"Child Witnesses"*. Presentation at Sherifdom Conference, North Strathclyde.
- Edward, K. & McLeod, M. (1999). *"Fear of Crime: Its role in the lives of women"*. Paper presented at the European Conference on Psychology and Law in Dublin, Ireland.
- Edward, K. & McLeod, M. (1998). *"Sexual Assault Characteristics and their Relationship to Survivors' Trauma"*. Paper presented at the European Conference on Psychology and Law in Krakow, Poland.
- Edward, K. & McLeod, M. (1997). *"Reporting Rape to the Police: A Double Edged Sword?"*. Paper presented at the 9th International Symposium on Victimology, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- Edward, K. & McLeod, M. (1996), *"Blame, Perceptions and Beliefs. Their relation to recovery from crime"*. Paper presented at the European Conference on Psychology and Law in Sienna, Italy. Published in ECPL Book of Selected Papers.
- Vrij, A., Edward, K., & Bull, R. (2001). Stereotypical verbal and non-verbal responses while deceiving others. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 27, 899-909.
- Vrij, A., Edward, K., & Bull, R. (2001). People's insight into their own behaviour and speech content while lying. *British Journal of Psychology*, 92, 373-389.
- Vrij, A., Edward, K., & Bull, R. (2001). Police officers' ability to detect deceit: The benefit of indirect deception detection measures. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 6, 2, 185-197.
- Vrij, A., Harden, F., Terry, J., Edward, K., & Bull, R. (2001). The influence of personal characteristics, stakes and lie complexity on the accuracy and confidence to detect deceit. In R. Roesch, R. R. Corrado, & R. J. Dempster (Eds.), *Psychology in the*

courts:International advances in knowledge (pp. 289-304). London: Routledge.

Vrij, A., Edward, K., Roberts, K. P., & Bull, R. (2000). Detecting deceit via analysis of verbal and non-verbal behaviour. *Journal of Nonverbal Behaviour*, 24, 4, 239-263.

Vrij, A., Mann, S., & Edward, K. (2000). 'I think it was a green scarf but I am not sure': Raising doubts about one's own testimony during lying and truth telling. In A. Czerederecka, T. Jaskiewicz-Obydzinska, & J. Wojcikiewicz (eds.), *Forensic psychology and law: Traditional questions and new ideas* (pp. 205-207). Krakow, Poland: Institute of forensic research publishers.

FURTHER TRAINING AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

2024 - Online Training "Unpacking Complex Trauma" UK Trauma Council

2024 - Online Training "Trauma and Adolescence: A Socially Embedded Approach" UK Trauma Council

2023 - Online Training "Applying Attachment Theory in the Criminal Justice System" Anna Freud Centre, London

2023 - Online Training "Trauma and Looked After Children", ACAMH

2023 - Online Training "Identifying and responding effectively to Traumatic Bereavement" Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

2022 - Online Training "Childhood Trauma and the Social World", Anna Freud Centre, London

2021 - Online Training "Childhood Trauma and the Brain: What have we learnt from neuroscience?", Anna Freud Centre, London

2021 - Online Training "Developmental trauma vs neurodevelopmental disorders" Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

2020 - Online Training "High conflict parenting post separation: Introduction to the assessment and treatment of children caught between parental acrimony", Anna Freud Centre, London

2019 - Two Day Training "Assessment of Children and Families in Care Proceeding: An Anna Freud Approach". Anna Freud Centre, London

2018 - Annual Fosterplus Conference "The Secure Base Model: Promoting attachment and resilience in foster care" with Professor Gillian Schofield, Edinburgh.

2014 - Two day Consensus Collaborative Practice Training, plus ongoing POD attendance

2012 - One day conference on "Trauma & Loss in Childhood: Healing through the Attachment Relationship" with Dan Hughes and Eadaoin Bhreathnach

2012 - One day conference on "Brain-Based Parenting & Attachment-Focused Family Therapy" with Dan Hughes and Margot Sutherland

2011 - One day conference on "The Neuroscience and Treatment of Childhood Trauma", with Margot Sutherland, Edinburgh

- Annual Fosterplus Conference on "The Impact of Trauma and Neglect on the Developing Child", with Dr Bruce Perry, Edinburgh
- 2010** - One day conference on Children's Mental Health, Glasgow University
- 2006** - "Dan Hughes Level II Training" for intensive work with attachment difficulties (particularly looked after children)
- 2005** - One day conference in attachment and work with children, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh
 - "Dan Hughes Level 1 Training" for intensive work with attachment difficulties
- 2004** - Two day training conference on *"Teaching the Dance of Attachment to Children with Disrupted Early Attachments"*, provided by Adoptionplus, Bedfordshire.
- 2003** - Workshop training in *"The Use of Puppets in Narrative Therapy"* at St. John's Hospital, Livingston
- 2002** - One day training in *"Dialectical Behaviour Therapy"* in Kirkcaldy, Fife
- 2001** - Mindfields conference on "Storytelling and Metaphor in Narrative Therapy" in Brighton, England
- 1996** - Joint FBI/Department of Forensic Medicine training course on *"Criminal Sexuality"* at the University of Dundee, Scotland.
 - National Conference on *"Women Overcoming Violence and Abuse"* in London, England.
- 1995** - Joint FBI/Department of Forensic Medicine training course on *"Offender Profiling and Crime Scene Assessment"* at the University of Dundee, Scotland.
 - BABCP Conference on *"PTSD, Trauma and Anxiety: Psychological Approaches to Treatment"* and attended workshop on *"Cognitive Processing Therapy for Rape Victims"* run by Professor Patricia Resick at the University of Manchester.
 - Scottish Child Law Centre Conference on *"Giving Children their Voice in Court"*, in Glasgow, Scotland.
- 1994** - Full training with Dundee Rape Crisis Centre, Scotland.
 - Diploma in counselling skills from Telford College, Edinburgh
 - Scottish Child Law Centre Conference *"How the Law Deals with Child Sexual Abuse"*