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MEDICO-LEGAL CURRICULUM VITAE

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Consultant Adult Psychiatrist with Special Interest in Forensic Psychiatry

Introduction

I am a practicing Consultant Psychiatrist, on the GMC Specialist Register, and an Approved Clinician, with a special interest in Clinical Forensic Psychiatry.

My recent caseload for my Medico-Legal practice has included personal injury, employment law, disability discrimination, complex autism, OCD and chronic fatigue syndrome cases, medical negligence, assessment of capacity, fitness to plead, asylum application (including assessment of torture and abuse), automatism, joint enterprise murder, suicide, body dysmorphic disorder, as well as more general forensic and civil cases. I have produced reports for Family Court and the Court of Protection under Single Joint Expert instructions and for the UK Government. I have been instructed by both the General Medical Council, and the General Dental Council as an independent Expert Witness. Over the last few years, I have accepted instruction on some particularly complex cases, with evidence bundles of between 3,000 and 5,000 documents.

I produce reports for the Magistrate's Court, Crown Court, Coroner's Court, and Employment Tribunals and give evidence in Court.

I interview clients in consulting rooms in Harley Street, Central London, in their own homes, within the prison services, and in hospitals. I offer face-to-face or remote assessment, according to client preference and feasibility.

I am fully qualified in both Surgery and Psychiatry and am a Fellow of both the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Psychiatry. This breadth of experience lends itself particularly to producing reports on behalf of clients with complex co-morbidity and cases involving combined physical and mental health issues. For example, my oral evidence and written report submitted to the Senior Coroner (Inner London South) in the case of the death of a young woman whilst under psychiatric care, resulted in the Senior Coroner's request for a review by the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Royal College of Physicians on the management of neuroleptic malignant syndrome; their joint revised Position Statement should result in improved patient safety.

I am currently the Responsible Clinician at Battersea Bridge House, 1 Randall Close, London SW11 3TG. Battersea Bridge House is a 22 bedded unit for both male and female adults with severe and enduring mental illness and additional complex behaviour. I was previously employed by The Priory Burgess Hill, (formerly Partnerships-In-Care), since December 2013, where I ran the Male Adult Acute Service, whilst providing on call cover to the male PICU, two female forensic wards, a female PICU and a personality disorder unit.

From January 2013 to November 2013, I was Responsible Clinician for the Cambian Group at Delfryn Lodge Rehabilitation Hospital in North Wales.

From May 2011, I was Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist for CNWL Hospital Trust at Northwick Park, where I was involved in the reorganisation to functionalised teams, whilst continuing to work with the Recovery Team as a full time Community Consultant. During my time at Northwick Park Hospital, I also ran weekly sessions as Consultant Psychiatrist at Colnbrook High Security Immigration Removal Centre for a six-month period, which included risk assessment and detox and methadone management.

Qualifications

BSc (Hons), MB BS, FRCS (Eng), FRCPsych, MSc (Clinical Forensic Psychiatry).

I have a First-Class Degree in Basic Sciences, Neuropsychology and Developmental Psychology (1981). I qualified as a doctor in 1985 from Charing Cross-Westminster Hospital. I then went on to work as a surgeon and obtained my full FRCS (Eng) in 1993. I was awarded the 'Freedom of the City of London' by Mayor Sir Christopher Rupert Walford, in 1995 for exceptional service whilst covering Accident and Emergency.

After working in General Surgery, between 1994 and 2004, I went on to train in psychiatry. I obtained the Full Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2006 and became Section 12(2) approved in 2007.

I completed Psychiatry Higher Training in 2010 and entered the GMC Specialist Register for General Adult Psychiatry. In Higher Training, I pursued a special interest in Forensic Psychiatry and gained a Master's Degree in Clinical Forensic Psychiatry at Kings College, London, and the Institute of Psychiatry in 2010.

I became an Approved Clinician in April 2011 and am a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a vetted member of the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.

Updating

I update my skills base in both Forensic and Adult Psychiatry through attending relevant meetings and conferences. I attend conferences, professional meetings, and the Gray's Inn Expert Witness Course. I keep up to date with CPD.

I have also attended the following conferences: Management of Psychiatric Intensive Care Units, May 2017; The Royal College of Psychiatry Edinburgh Conference, June 2017; The Royal College of Psychiatry Birmingham Conference, 2018; The Royal College of Psychiatry London Conference, July 2019; The Maudsley Psychiatric Forum, Sicily, May 2019 and Body Dysmorphic Disorder Foundation Conference, London, November 2019; Royal College of Psychiatrists Autism Spectrum Disorders CPD Update Conference, London, December 2019; An Introduction to ICD-11 Mental and Behavioural Disorders, May 2021; Royal College of Psychiatrists Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry Conference March 2022; Royal College of Psychiatrists International Congress July 2023.

Relevant information

Medico-Legal practice started in 2007

Approximate number of reports annually is 40

Split of instructions is Defendant 49%, Claimant 28%, Joint 1%, Other 22%

Wait time for next medico-legal appointment is 10 to 14 days

Wait time from appointment to report is 10 to 14 days

Appointment locations are 10 Harley Street, Central London, or client based.

Prison visits and home visits are undertaken.

Remote assessments are undertaken.

Weekend and evening appointments are undertaken.

Terms & Conditions

My fees are £340 per hour and are subject to VAT.

Payment Terms: Payment to be received within 30 days of date of invoice if payment is to be made by solicitor or if the solicitor guarantees payment. If payment is to be made privately by the client, unless independently guaranteed by a third party in an agreed contract, an estimate will be prepared and payment of half of the estimated fee is required prior to any work being undertaken and the remainder prior to receipt of the report. The actual charges will be adjusted on the final invoice and if there is any overpayment this will be refunded. Full payment is required within one week of receipt of the invoice. Please see my full Terms and Conditions for further and full details. Please note, I require all medical evidence to be submitted prior to assessment; should any significant amount of additional evidence become available once I have submitted my report, it is likely an addendum report will be required. Whilst I am happy to make amendments as per Expert Witness guidelines, significant amendments or embedding of further medical evidence into a finalised submitted report is often neither cost nor time efficient.

Special interests

Forensic psychiatry, personal injury and employment law, fitness to plead, contested wills, medical negligence and autism spectrum, automatism, and obsessive-compulsive disorder related cases.

Special skills

- Abnormal behaviour (psychiatric assessment)
- Autism spectrum and OCD testing and scoring
- Automatism
- Body Dysmorphic Disorder
- Epilepsy
- Fitness to plead (psychiatric assessment)
- Forensic psychiatry
- General adult psychiatry
- Head injury and psychiatric impact

- Insurance or insurability
- Medical competence and negligence

- Memory impairment
- Mental disorder (psychiatric assessment)
- Mild cognitive impairment
- Myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and post-viral fatigue with concomitant depression
- Organic psychiatry
- Offender psychiatric assessment
- Personal injury (psychiatric impact)
- Personality disorder
- Psychiatric adjustment post major surgery
- Psychiatric component within attribution of pain and somatic disorders
- Psychiatric illness arising from or in addition to complex concomitant physical illness
- Psychiatry ethics, competence, and misadventure
- Psychopharmacology
- Psychopathology and psychiatric disorders (including neuroses, psychoses, anxiety disorders, bipolar, depression)
- Psychosomatic disorders and Munchausen's
- PTSD/Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Self-harming behaviour and suicide
- Trauma assessment (psychiatric impact including war veterans)
- Victims of accident, assault, or crime (psychiatric impact)
- Violent behaviour
- Witness assessment and testamentary capacity assessment

Professional affiliations

GMC No: 3004083. Listed with the Law Society and Directory of Expert Witnesses.

Memberships of other professional associations: Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine; Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists; British Medical Association; British Medical Council; The Royal Institution; Expert Witness, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London; Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Please see my academic CV for full details of experience and qualifications.