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**Summary**

I am a Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). I am a Chartered Member of the British Psychological Society (BPS), a full member of the Division of Clinical Neuropsychology, and listed on the **UK Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists (SRCN)**, recognised as the gold standard for neuropsychology practice in the UK.

My clinical expertise centres on working with individuals with **traumatic and other forms of acquired brain injury, as well as a wide range of neurological conditions** including epilepsy, brain tumours, multiple sclerosis, encephalitis, and various forms of dementia. I provide specialist neuropsychological assessment using a broad range of psychometric tools, to evaluate the effects of neurological illness on cognitive functioning and emotional wellbeing, support diagnosis, monitor change, and/or inform care planning. Additionally, I provide evidence-based neurorehabilitation and psychotherapeutic interventions, delivered one-on-one or as part of a multidisciplinary team.

I have held several NHS posts, and since 2024 I have been employed by Cleveland Clinic London, where I run an outpatient neuropsychological assessment and treatment clinic. Since 2019, I have also worked in independent practice with individuals who have sustained **brain injuries and are pursuing personal injury claims**. Additionally, since 2020, I have been a **Special Medical Visitor to the Office of the Public Guardian and the Court of Protection**, regularly conducting **independent mental capacity assessments** to support them in their roles, and completing 20-30 assessments per year for them.

A core aspect of my work across all roles is the preparation of **high-quality reports** for various purposes, including treatment planning, rehabilitation, and informing legal proceedings. I am committed to providing clear, independent opinions in line with my responsibilities to the court and have completed **Bond Solon training on expert witness report writing**.

Alongside my clinical practice, I lecture on neuropsychology-related topics and have published several articles in academic journals, focusing on brain injury, cognitive difficulties, and their impact on behaviour and daily functioning.

**Professional Experience**

**Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist**

*Cleveland Clinic London*

*Part-time*

*2024 – current*

**Special Medical Visitor**

*Office of Public Guardian and Court of Protection*

*Part-time*

*2020 – current*

**Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist**

*Private practice*

*Part-time*

*2019 – current*

**Principal Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (Band 8b)**

*Acute and Hyperacute Stroke units, Princess Royal University Hospital*

*Part-time*

*2021 – 2024*

### **Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (Band 8a)**

*Friends' Stroke Unit and Outpatient Stroke Clinical Neuropsychology Clinic, King's College Hospital*

*Part-time*

2020 – 2021

### **Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (Band 8a)**

*Frank Cooksey Rehabilitation Unit, Orpington Hospital*

*Full-time*

2018 – 2020

### **Clinical Psychologist Trainee**

*Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Neuroscience, King's College London*

2015-2018

*Clinical placements undertaken during training: Lambeth Talking Therapies (LAPT); Croydon CAMHS; Croydon Memory Service; Clinical Neuropsychology department, Frank Cooksey Rehabilitation Unit, Orpington Hospital; Clinical Neuropsychology department (diagnostics division), King's College Hospital; Tics and Neurodevelopmental Movements (TANDeM) service, Evelina Hospital*

### **Assistant Psychologist**

*Experience gained at: Kingston CAMHS; Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability; Specialist Tourette's Clinic, St George's Hospital*

*Part-time*

2011-2012

### **Research Assistant**

*Department of Experimental Psychology, University College London*

*Part-time*

2011-2012

## **Education**

### **Clinical Neuropsychology MSc**

*University of Bristol*

2019-2025

### **Clinical Psychology Doctorate (DClinPsy)**

*Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Neuroscience, King's College London*

2015- 2018

### **PhD**

*Department of Experimental Psychology, University College London*

2012-2015

*Thesis title: "Everyday Social Functioning in Autism Spectrum Disorder"*

### **BSc Psychology, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hons**

*Department of Experimental Psychology, University College London*

2008-2011

### **High School Diploma** (Diploma di Maturità Scientifica), 100/100

*Liceo Scientifico F. Enriques, Livorno, Italy*

2003-2008

## **Publications**

Ford, C.E.L., Thorogood, B., Kontou, E., **Bellesi, G.**, Griffiths, M., & Green, S. (2024). "Emotionally, there is no such thing as a minor stroke". Neuropsychological support after stroke at the UK Stroke Forum 2023. *The Neuropsychologist*, 17, 4-6.

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**Bellesi, G.**, Barker, E., Brown, L., & Valmaggia, L. (2019). Paediatric traumatic brain injury and antisocial behaviour: are they linked? A systematic review. *Brain Injury*, 33, 1272-1292.

**Bellesi, G.** & Morris, R. (2018). Using smartphone apps for neuropsychological rehabilitation and the creation of an 'apps' hub. *The Neuropsychologist*, 6, 31-38.

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**Bellesi, G.,** Jameel, L., Vyas, K., Crawford, S., & Channon, S. (2016). Using and reasoning about social strategies in autism spectrum disorder in everyday situations. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorder*, 25, 112-121.

Jameel, L., Vyas, K., **Bellesi, G.,** Channon, S. (2015). Great expectations: the role of rules in guiding pro-social behaviour in groups with high versus low autistic traits. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 45, 2111-2322.

Jameel, L., Vyas, K., **Bellesi, G.,** Roberts, V., & Channon, S. (2014). Going 'Above and Beyond': are those high in autistic traits less pro-social? *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 44, 1846–1858.

### **Professional Memberships**

- BPS Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists (SRCN)
- British Psychological Society (chartered status) and Division of Neuropsychology
- Expert Witness Institute ('Affiliate' member)
- HCPC registered (PYL36297)

### **Training**

- 'Excellence in Report Writing' training day, delivered by Bond Solon 2025
- Attendance of the annual Court of Protection Special Visitors conference/training day 2020-ongoing
- Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy Programme for IoPPN DCLinPsy trainees 2017
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Course in Neuroradiology and Functional Neuroanatomy (UCL) 2013

### **Additional Information**

- I am bilingual (Italian and English) and have experience working with interpreters
- Enhanced DBS clearance
- Clean driver's license