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HCPC Registered Forensic Psychologist | Expert Witness

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Jurisdiction & Practice: Instructions Accepted Nationwide (England & Wales)

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

HCPC-registered Forensic Psychologist with over twenty years of multidisciplinary operational and clinical practice across statutory law enforcement agencies, HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS), secure psychiatric facilities, and private healthcare estates. Formally trained expert witness specialising in independent, evidence-based psychological evaluations for Criminal Courts, Family Courts, Civil Proceedings, and the Parole Board. Fully compliant with Part 19 of the Criminal Procedure Rules (CrimPR), Part 25 of the Family Procedure Rules (FPR), and Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR). Practice characterised by clinical precision, objective psychometric testing, and absolute evidential integrity.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION & AFFILIATIONS

- **HCPC Registered Practitioner Psychologist:** Forensic Psychologist (Registration No. PYL36876)
- **Expert Witness Institute (EWI):** Full Member (MEWI - Membership No. 10003815)
- **National Expert Witness Agency (NEWA):** Registered Expert Witness (MNEWA)
- **American Psychological Association (APA):** Peer Reviewer for Academic & Professional Journals
- **British Association for Behavioural & Cognitive Psychotherapies (BABCP):** Former Member, Standards Committee

EXPERT WITNESS PRACTICE & COURT EXPERIENCE

Instruction Balance: Defense (55%) | Prosecution / Local Authority / Claimants (45%) | Fully available and prepared to act as a Single Joint Expert (SJE)

Jurisdictions: Crown Courts, Magistrates' Courts, Family Court, High Court, First-tier Tribunals (Mental Health & SEND), Parole Board Hearings, and Immigration / Employment Tribunals across England and Wales.

Core Areas of Instruction & Clinical Competency:

- **Cognitive & Capacity Assessments:** Determination of intellectual functioning, executive capacity, and fitness to plead/stand trial utilising gold-standard batteries:
 - **Interrogative Suggestibility & Contested Statements:** Specialised evaluations of witness and defendant vulnerability during police interviews, susceptibility to leading questions, interrogative pressure, compliance, and confabulation.
 - **Neurodevelopmental Profiling:** Diagnostic evaluations and legal impact assessments for Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and ADHD in criminal and care proceedings:
 - Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule
 - Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised
 - Adult ADHD Clinical Diagnostic Assessment
 - **Structured Forensic Risk Assessments (SPJ Frameworks):** Multi-factor risk evaluations utilizing evidence-based clinical instruments:
 - Risk for general and violent offending
 - Risk evaluation for sexual violence
 - Spousal/Domestic abuse and intimate partner violence
 - **Symptom Validity & Feigning:** Verification of clinical credibility and detection of malingering, coached presentations, or symptom exaggeration utilizing objective performance validity protocols
 - **Psychopathology & Personality Assessment:** Clinical evaluation of thought dysfunction, severe affective disorders, and personality disorders utilizing standardised psychometric measures

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2021 – Present

- Operates an independent expert witness consultancy accepting criminal, family, and tribunal instructions nationwide.
- Provides rigorous written expert reports and expert oral testimony under cross-examination for complex trials, appellate hearings, and parole assessments.
- Delivers evidence-based clinical case formulations synthesising cognitive capacity, diagnostic profiles, and offence-focused behavioral trajectories.

Specialist Forensic Psychologist (Band 8b) | HM Prison & Probation Service (HMPPS)

2023 – Present

- Risk & Neuropsychological Formulation: Conducts comprehensive forensic psychological risk assessments, clinical formulations, and neuropsychological evaluations for complex, high-risk populations across secure custodial and clinical settings.
- Parole Board Representation & Expert Testimony: Instructed as an independent expert to prepare evaluative risk reports and deliver formal oral evidence at Parole Board hearings regarding suitability for re-categorisation, transfer to progressive/open conditions, or parole release.
- Custodial Safety & ACCT Crisis Consultancy: Provides senior clinical consultancy on the management of acute self-harm, suicidal ideation, and acute distress, informing multi-disciplinary Assessment, Care in Custody and Teamwork (ACCT) processes within custodial environments.
- Multi-Agency Oversight & Complex Case Management: Delivers clinical consultation and risk management guidance for multi-agency arrangements (including MAPPA-managed cases) and complex case conferences, with particular focus on neurodevelopmental disorders, trauma, and institutional behavioural disruption.

Principal & Practitioner Forensic Psychologist | Independent Forensic & Clinical Healthcare (Substantive & Locum Appointments across Forensic Secure (Low and Medium), Locked Rehab, PICU, Specialist PD and Autism / Neurodevelopmental Services)

2019 – 2025

- Clinical leadership across Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU), Low and Medium Secure Units, and Locked Rehabilitation services.
- Prepared clinical reports and appeared as an expert clinician before First-tier Mental Health Review Tribunals, defending diagnostic classifications and clinical governance decisions.

FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERT TRAINING

Academic Degrees & Diplomas:

- Master of Military Engineering (MEng)
- Master of Science (MSc) in Psychology
- Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Applied Psychology

Expert Witness & Specialised Legal Training:

Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Certification:

- Excellence in Report Writing (Criminal Proceedings)
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Family Law & Procedure
- Courtroom Skills & Cross-Examination Day

Standardised Clinical Diagnostics & Risk Frameworks (SPJ):

- ADOS-2 & ADI-R Clinical Certification (Autism Diagnostic Profiling)
- HCR-20 Version 3 (Assessment and Management of Violent Risk)
- SVR-20 and SVRP - v2 (Assessment and Management of Sexual Violence Risk)
- SARA Version 3 (Spousal and Intimate Partner Violence Risk)

INSTRUCTION CRITERIA & OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

- **Legal Aid & Private Instructions:** Instructions accepted under both LAA hourly rates (subject to prior authority / codification) and privately funded arrangements.
- **Turnaround Times:** Standard expert reports completed within 2 to 4 weeks following receipt of full documentation and clinical assessment. Urgent instructions accommodated subject to court timetables.
- **Assessment Locations:** Consultations conducted in person at HMP estates, secure psychiatric facilities, legal chambers, or approved clinical suites nationwide. Secure video links (Cloud Video Platform / Teams) utilised where appropriate.
- **Multilingual Instructions:** Fluent assessment capacity in Bulgarian, Russian (Professional Working Proficiency) and English, providing direct clinical evaluations without intermediary translation where required.

(Full reference schedule, fee schedule, and sample redacted reports available to instructing solicitors upon formal request)