



George Dimitrov

Forensic Psychologist | HCPC Registered | PhD Candidate CUBS Expert Witness
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PERSONAL STATEMENT

HCPC-registered Forensic Psychologist and PhD Candidate with over 10 years of experience in secure clinical settings and HM Prison Service. Specialist in providing legally robust psychological assessments for Criminal, Civil, and Family proceedings. Currently completing the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Certification to ensure strict adherence to Part 19 (CrPR) and Part 25 (FPR) standards. Director of the International Hypnotherapy Association, demonstrating global clinical leadership and governance expertise.

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- CUBS Expert Witness Certification Candidate | Cardiff University & Bond Solon (In Progress – Feb-May 2026). Modules: Excellence in Report Writing, Criminal Law & Procedure, Family Law & Procedure, Cross-Examination, Courtroom Skills.
- Advanced Neuropsychological Testing: Expert user of WAIS-IV and the latest WAIS-V, D-KEFS, and TOPF for comprehensive cognitive and executive functioning profiles
- Gold-Standard Autism Diagnostics: Fully competent in ADOS-2 and ADI-R for clinical and forensic populations
- Expert in structured professional judgement tools: HCR-20, SVR-20, SARAv3
- Skilled in forensic formulation, offence-focused treatment planning, and evidence-based interventions
- Extensive experience working with detained, high-risk individuals in secure and rehabilitation settings
- Clinical leadership including supervision, team development, and service quality improvement
- Strong multi-agency collaboration: tribunals, MAPPA, and high-risk decision-making forums
- Competent in neurodevelopmental and autism diagnostic assessments (ADI-R, ADOS-2)
- Skilled in cognitive and personality assessments including WAIS-IV and MMPI-3
- Therapeutic delivery: DBT, CBT, trauma-informed approaches – IEMT, CFT.
- Court Experience: 20+ court attendances in the past 3 years, including Mental Health Tribunals and Parole Board hearings

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Specialist Expert Witness providing reports for Criminal, Civil, and Tribunal proceedings.
- **Principal Forensic Psychologist & Expert Witness | Health Spirit Ltd 2020 – Present**
 - Specialist Expert Witness: Providing legally robust psychological evidence for Criminal, Civil, and Family proceedings.
 - Instruction Profile: 40% Defense, 40% Prosecution/Claimant, 20% Single Joint Expert (SJE).
 - Professional Affiliations: Member of the National Expert Witness Agency (MNEWA) and CUBS Expert Witness Candidate.
 - Fitness to Plead & Stand Trial: Specialist evaluations of a defendant's capacity to understand proceedings, assist legal counsel, and appreciate their legal situation.
 - Witness Vulnerability & Reliability: Assessment of interrogative suggestibility and susceptibility to leading questions or social pressure during interviews.
 - Symptom Validity & Malingering: Utilizing rigorous protocols (including TOMM) to verify the authenticity of reported symptoms and detect potential feigning of impairment.
 - Comprehensive Risk Assessment: Providing evidence-based formulations for general violence (HCR-20), sexual recidivism (SVR-20), and domestic/spousal assault (SARAV3).
 - Personality & Psychopathology Profiling: Objective identification of severe mental illness, thought dysfunction, and maladaptive personality traits using the MMPI-3.
 - Trauma-Informed Evaluations: Expert analysis of the impact of post-traumatic stress and trauma symptoms (TSI-2) on behavior and social functioning.
 - Cognitive & Intellectual Profiling: Detailed assessments across the lifespan (WAIS-IV/V, WISC-V) to identify intellectual disabilities or learning needs relevant to legal proceedings.
 - Neurodevelopmental Diagnostics: Gold-standard diagnostics for Autism (ADOS-2, ADI-R) and Adult ADHD (ACE+) within forensic and clinical populations.
 - Principal & Locum Forensic Psychologist | Private Healthcare Providers (Secure & Rehab) July 2020 – April 2025
 - Clinical Leadership: Directed forensic psychology services across multiple high-dependency and secure inpatient units (PICU and Locked Rehabilitation).
 - Specialist Interventions: Led offence-focused treatment planning (DBT and trauma-informed) for adult males with complex neuropsychiatric histories.
 - Expert Representation: Provided expert opinion for Mental Health Tribunals, MAPPA panels, and high-risk clinical governance reviews.
- **Specialist Forensic Psychologist (Band 8b) | HM Prison & Probation Service February 2023 – Present**
 - Custodial Assessments: Conducting comprehensive psychological and cognitive evaluations (WAIS-IV, MMPI-3) for high-risk incarcerated populations.
 - Risk Management: Utilizing structured professional judgement tools (HCR-20, SVR-20) to inform Parole Board hearings and rehabilitation strategies.
 - Consultancy: Training and supervising multi-agency staff on managing neurodevelopmental disorders and complex mental health presentations in secure environments.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- HCPC Registered Forensic Psychologist (Ongoing Professional Registration)
- PhD Candidate | Status: Discharged with right of defence
- Autism Assessment Course (ADOS-2, ADI-R) – February 2022
- Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARAV3) – April 2023
- SVR-20 (Evaluation of Sexual Violence Risk) – March 2022
- HCR-20-V3 (Evaluation of Risk for Violence) – July 2019
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) – Training – June 2022

- Certified CBT Practitioner – February 2018
- Integral Eye Movement Therapy (IEMT) Training - May 2025 (A trauma-focused therapeutic approach)
- Forensic Psychology – UK – June 2017
- Professional Training: Clinical Psychology in Psychiatric Illnesses & Support – May 2005
- Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty, Risk Assessment – Royal Borough of Greenwich – June/July 2019
- Clinical Supervision & Coaching/Mentoring Courses – Greenwich ACL – June 2017
- Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Difficulties (NVQ Level 2) – January 2020
- Understanding Autism (NVQ Level 2) – TQUK, London – March 2019
- Counselling Skills (NVQ Level 2) – TQUK – December 2018
- Child Psychology (NVQ Level 3) – News Skills Academy, London – January 2019
- PMVA & Breakaway Level 2 Course – February 2020
- Various other CPD courses including Mental Health Awareness, Telepsychology, Improving Learning, Opioid-Use Disorders, Mindfulness for Adolescents (2017-2019)

PUBLICATIONS & ADDITIONAL SKILLS

George is a published author with **more than 20 conference reports and articles** in professional journals.

- Published author in forensic psychology and clinical neurodevelopmental fields.
- Skilled in preparing legally robust reports and providing expert testimony.
- Experienced clinical supervisor and mentor.
- Full UK HGV driving license with no points.
- Languages: Fluent in English, Bulgarian, and Russian (Providing expert services for multi-lingual legal instructions).
- Publications: Published author with 20+ conference reports and articles in peer-reviewed journals.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Tai Chi, Aikido, exploring new cultures and locations, and engaging in professional learning and development.

References

Available on request.