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Consultant Psychiatrist, Clinical Director, Honorary Senior Lecturer

BM BCh MA (Oxon) FRCPsych

Clinic location: Cheltenham, Bristol, Taunton, Swindon, home visits, solicitors' offices

throughout South West.

**Clinic timings:** Daytime, weekday evenings, Saturday mornings.

**Waiting time:** Appointments are usually within 8 weeks of instruction, and reports filed

within 2 weeks of appointment.

Urgent appointments available if required.

### **Professional Membership**

GMC Specialist Register: 4437255 Royal College of Psychiatrists: 802245 Medical Defence Union: 316238H

### **Professional Qualifications**

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery. (Oxon) 1997 MA (Oxon)

Membership of Royal College of Psychiatrists, 2003

Approved under Section 12(2) Mental Health Act 2007 by South & West Regional Health Authority, renewed 2008.

Certificate of Completion of Training October 2007 (General Adult Psychiatry, with endorsements in Addiction Psychiatry and Rehabilitation Psychiatry)

Fellowship of Royal College of Psychiatrists, 2015

Cardiff University Law School / Bond Solon Civil Proceedings Expert Witness Certificate.

## Special areas of expertise - that is disorders which I regularly assess and treat

- General Adult Psychiatry, including psychosis, depressive illness, mania, anxiety disorders such as PTSD.
- Personality disorder
- Substance misuse and its impact on health, lifestyle and parenting.
- I frequently treat patients with the disorders described above who suffer comorbid pain conditions, which complicates their mental disorder.

# Areas in which I do not consider myself to have expertise

- Learning disability
- Consequences of head injury

# **Medicolegal Experience**

I have 10 years of experience of working as a psychiatric expert.

Approximately 100 medicolegal reports per annum:

- 80% Personal Injury; claimant:defendant:joint ratio is approximately 85:15
- 20% Clinical Negligence cases
- Court attendance: now only occasional; prior to legal reforms was 10 times per annum.
- I am a member of a monthly medicolegal CPD peer supervision group.

### **Training**

- St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford.
- Avon and Wiltshire SHO Training Scheme
- Fromeside medium-secure forensic unit.
- Severn Deanery Specialist Registrar Training Scheme
- Bond Solon Civil Procedure Rules Expert Witness Certificate
- I engage with Continuing Professional Development, including in areas relevant to medicolegal work, and am in good standing with the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

# **Current Employment**

- Consultant Psychiatrist, Early Intervention in Psychosis, Gloucestershire. Employed by <sup>2</sup>gether Foundation NHS Trust, since 2007, formerly as Consultant Psychiatrist, Cheltenham and North Cotswolds' Recovery Team.
- I chair the Expert Reference Group which advises <sup>2</sup>gether Foundation NHS Trust on optimal treatment for functional disorders (e.g. psychosis, depressive illness, anxiety disorders, personality disorder) and lead on advice with respect of PTSD
- Clinical Director of mental health services provided in Gloucester and Forest of Dean
- Private practice at Cheltenham Nuffield Hospital and Bristol Priory Hospital.
- Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Bristol: involved in lecturing, research and examination of students. My research interests and publications address risk factors for mental disorder, such as alcohol and drug misuse, and antipsychotic prescribing.

### **Terms and Conditions**

Are available on application and prior to acceptance of instruction.

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