

## **MEDICO-LEGAL CURRICULUM VITAE**

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Consultant Psychiatrist,  
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Asperger's.

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#### **Current Positions.**

I practise in Priory Hospital Bristol, and in London.

I am visiting consultant to a special needs school, in Devon, which has students with EBD, ASD, ADHD and challenging behaviour.

I am visiting consultant to residential homes that cater for people with Asperger's and have legal restrictions.

I was working for the NHS, as a Consultant Psychiatrist in Complex health needs service (till Nov 2016). This was a community learning disability service in Bath.

I was the Lead Clinician for The Hayes, an independent hospital for people with Asperger's Disorder and detained under the MHA (1983), managed by the National Autistic Society, with responsibility for patients with severe Asperger's Syndrome and those with severe mental illness and co morbid borderline learning disability in low and medium-secure settings.

Interests include: Asperger's and Autism and their interaction with Criminal Justice system. Borderline to mild Learning disability and Probation, Courts, Mental disordered patients in the criminal justice system, Fitness to plead/Effective participation in Court process, fitness to instruct Legal representatives.

## **Medico-legal experience:**

I prepare psychiatric medico-legal reports for Criminal, civil and employment cases (average 70-100 reports/year).

I am approved under Section 12 of the Mental Health Act, 1983 as having special expertise in the assessment of psychiatric disorders as well as being an Approved Clinician under the Mental Health Act.

- Mental Health Review Tribunal attendance and report production
- Witness experience in Magistrate, County and Coroners Courts
- Regular production of medico-legal reports, for the claimant, the defendant and jointly instructed by the Courts
- Production of reports arising from psychiatric injury as a result of medical negligence and/or bullying and harassment
- Production of reports related to immigration in both London and Bristol
- I have been listed in the Law Society Directory of Expert Witnesses.
- Mental capacity assessments in civil matters – appointing Lasting Power of Attorney; capacity to manage financial affairs; Testamentary capacity.
- Court of Protection work; DVLA reports; adult protection work
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) assessments & reports
- Mental Capacity Act related assessments & reports
- Approximately 50 medico-legal reports per annum:
- Child and Family proceedings, including impact of mental disorder and substance misuse, 90% with joint instruction.
- Personal Injury including cases of PTSD, depressive illness, and somatoform pain disorder; claimant:defendant ratio is approx 90:10
- Forensic Cases
- 30% other, such as asylum proceedings, clinical negligence, employment tribunals.

### **I have added skills in**

Non verbal communication , Implementation and assessment under MHA 1983, MCA 2005, Risk assessment and management , Court reports and forensic second opinion, Working with court users, Police and Probation Services. Providing input in new service development and redesigning, modernising service delivery and Using DISCO, ADOS, HCR-20

## **Professional Membership**

GMC Specialist Register:	5208953
Royal College of Psychiatrists:	803335
Medical Protection Society:	420091