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Highly Specialist Paediatric Clinical Psychologist

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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a Highly Specialist Paediatric Clinical Psychologist registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) as a Practitioner (Clinical) Psychologist: registration number PYL33801. I have a background in child and adolescent mental health, specialising in paediatric neuropsychology, including neurodevelopmental disorders, and perinatal and traumatic brain injury. I am experienced in the formulation and management of challenging behaviour in children and young people with complex needs. I work systemically to support children and young people, their families, and professionals involved in their care to identify and understand the reasons for behaviours, and work collaboratively to make meaningful changes. I have extensive experience in the assessment and diagnosis of neurodevelopmental disorders, including of Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Intellectual Disability. I also have considerable experience of providing consultation and training to multiagency professionals, including schools and residential homes.

I am experienced in providing supervision to multidisciplinary professionals, including those in the fields of clinical psychology, nursing, social work, and speech and language therapy. I am keen to support the learning the development of clinicians in the early stages of their careers; I am experienced in supervising Trainee Clinical Psychologists, typically in their final year of training as an elective placement, act as an external examiner on a doctoral training course and have previously facilitated training on the topic of Autism to medical students.

I have completed the PGDip in Clinical Paediatric Neuropsychology at University College London. This programme meets the requirements of the paediatric knowledge dimension of the Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology (QiCN). I am currently working towards completing the paediatric practice component of the QiCN. Following this I will be eligible for entry to the British Psychological Society's Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists (SRCN), which is the gold standard for clinical neuropsychology in the UK.

EMPLOYMENT

Highly Specialist Paediatric Clinical Psychologist
Associate at Rowley Clinical Neuropsychology Services Ltd January 2023 – Present.

Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist,
Navigo Health and Social Care CIC, April 2023 – November 2024.

- In this role I had full responsibility for the assessment, treatment, and discharge of children and young people on the Intellectual Disability mental health pathway and neurodevelopmental disorders assessment pathways; including management of referrals, the waiting lists, allocation of clients, workload of staff members, and decision about nature of service provided and point of discharge. This role included supporting young people with moderate to profound intellectual disabilities, which often included co-morbid neurodevelopmental, genetic, or neurological disorders, in addition to physical, visual, and

hearing impairments. This role involved diagnostic assessments of Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Intellectual Disability. I also managed and supervised a team of multi-disciplinary professionals. This role also involved a significant amount of service development work.

Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist
Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, July 2022 – March 2023.

Specialist Clinical Psychologist
Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, October 2018 – June 2022.

Clinical Psychologist
Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, December 2016 – October 2018.

Trainee Clinical Psychologist
Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust, September 2013 – September 2016.

- Working into older adult services, including memory clinic and residential services; adult community learning disability intensive support team; community adult mental health; looked after children child and adolescent mental health; and neurorehabilitation.
- Doctoral Thesis title: Illness Perceptions and Quality of Life in People Living with a Brain Tumour: Does Diagnostic Communication Have an Influence?

EDUCATION

PGDip Clinical Paediatric Neuropsychology – Merit, University College London, 2018 – 2020. This programme covers all key areas of the syllabus recommended by the BPS Division of Neuropsychology, including introduction to developmental cognitive neuroscience, advanced developmental cognitive neuroscience, professional issues for paediatric neuropsychologists, assessment of neuropsychological disorders and their functional implications, infant and neurodevelopmental assessment, development of the sensory, motor and cognitive neural systems, development disorders and neuropsychological profiles, and developing clinical formulations and interventions.

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD), University of Hull, 2013 – 2016.

BSc Psychology – Upper Second Class (Hons), University of Hull, 2010 – 2013.

FURTHER TRAINING

Acquired Brain Injury and Neuropsychiatry, Continuing Professional Development Course, Canterbury Christ Church University, 2024.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS), Association for Psychological Therapies, 2021.

Introductory Supervisor Training Workshop, Yorkshire three courses consortium, 2018 – 2019.

Systemic Practice Foundation Level (equivalent training), University of Hull, 2013-2016.

REFERENCES

References from Consultant Clinical Psychologist and other multidisciplinary colleagues can be supplied upon request.