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BSc (Hons), MSc, D. Clin. Psychol.
HCPC Registered Clinical Psychologist



Clinical Neuropsychologist

I have substantial experience in neuropsychological assessment, assessment of mental capacity, neuropsychological rehabilitation and neuropsychological therapy with people who have experienced an acquired brain injury or are living with a neurological condition.

I have worked across a range of inpatient and outpatient clinical health and neuro services including A&E, Major Trauma, stroke and acute inpatient neurosurgery services, providing both direct assessment and intervention alongside consultation, training and supervision of medical, nursing and therapy colleagues. I am particularly passionate about systemic approaches to supporting rehabilitation, adjustment and coping in people affected by a brain injury or long-term physical health condition.

As an experienced trainer and lecturer, I am skilled in providing teaching and training around the psychological, emotional, cognitive and behavioural needs that might result from brain injury or neuropsychological problems. I am a strong believer in the value of co-production and social justice-based approaches, which take into account social determinants of health equality and support equality, diversity and inclusion. I have worked across a range of part-time projects and roles relating to clinical psychology and neuropsychology, developing a portfolio of skills and experience across the NHS, private health care and medico-legal organisations and the charity sector.

Relevant Qualifications

MSc Clinical Neuropsychology (including Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology & eligibility for Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists

University of Glasgow - 2023

PGDip Clinical Neuropsychology

University of Glasgow - 2020

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology

Lancaster University - 2015

MSc Advanced Practice Interventions for Mental Health in Primary Care

Manchester University - 2011

BSc Psychology

University of Central Lancashire – 2007

Membership of Professional Bodies

- Registered Clinical Psychologist - Health Care Professions Council (HCPC)

Professional Experience

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist

October 2016 – present

Newby Psychological Services Ltd.

In independent practice (on an associate basis), I specialise in completing mental capacity assessments and providing neuropsychological rehabilitation for clients who have experienced a brain injury or neurological condition.

Clinical Tutor

October 2017 – present

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, Lancaster University

My role as a clinical tutor is to support the training pathway for people on the clinical psychology doctorate programme. This includes line management responsibilities for trainee clinical psychologists and oversight of clinical placements. I lead on the coordination and delivery of learning around the cognitive and physical health aspects of the course. I supervise thesis research projects, with research interests in clinical health and neuropsychology. I am an experienced viva examiner.

Associate Trainer

November 2022 – present

Headway

I develop and provide bespoke training to a range of stakeholders and professions on a range of topics relating to brain injury and neuropsychology.

Project Liaison – Community Transformation Project

Greater Manchester Manchester Health Trust

Sept 2024 – March 2025

This project involved supporting the Community Transformation team working as part of the Trust's progress towards a national transformation of community mental health services.

This included a range of discrete projects specified to improve data quality and analysis in line with national key performance indicators, acting as an interface between clinical and information technology services to guide infrastructure and data flow, to improve the Trust's ability to evidence delivery of psychological therapies for serious mental health problems.

This involved extensive liaison with strategic and operational systems in line with local commissioning arrangements. Furthermore, the role involved linking with clinical teams to develop patient information resources relating to available NICE recommended psychological therapies.

Project Lead – Supervision Scoping Project

Jan 2024 – August 2024

Health Education England/Psychological Professions Network

This project involved scoping the supervision needs across the psychological professions in the north-west of England, exploring capacity and demand of psychological supervision, considering national drivers and service contexts alongside training and professional governance requirements.

Liverpool Stroke Supervision/Consultation Evaluation Lead (Catalyst Project) Apr 2023 – August 2023

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

This innovative project delivered additional clinical psychology capacity within stroke pathways across the region. The project (funded by NHS England) involved training, consultation and supervision and my role was primarily to support evaluation and analysis of the project. This culminated in a national report and conference presentation.

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist November 2020 – June 2022

Priory Highbank Centre, Bury

The main focus of this role was to provide a specialist clinical neuropsychology service to the various wards at Priory Highbank. This included slow-stream neurorehabilitation wards (specialising in supporting people with extremely severe acquired brain injuries) and mental health rehabilitation wards.

Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychology Sept 2018 – Nov 2020

Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychology, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust

The main focus of this role was to provide a specialist clinical psychology service to the neurosurgery wards, to support the assessment and cognitive rehabilitation of people in the stages of acute recovery from neurosurgical intervention - including psychological, emotional, cognitive and behavioural issues. The role also involved providing neuropsychological assessment, rehabilitation and therapy on an outpatient basis to people with a neurological problem including acquired brain injury, multiple sclerosis and epilepsy.

Clinical Psychologist September 2015 – 2018

Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

A&E: This role involved supporting identification of psychological issues underpinning frequent A&E presentations through direct psychological assessment and intervention, alongside consultation with medical/nursing/therapies colleagues within A&E and acute wards to support case management, care/discharge planning, and cognitive rehabilitation. The focus of this role was to support the psychological needs of people presenting at A&E with complex or poorly managed pain or long-term physical health conditions, within a biopsychosocial framework.

Major Trauma: This role involved providing psychological assessment, intervention and rehabilitation to patients following polytrauma injuries and/or traumatic brain injury; often following a consultation model, aiming to primarily support patients on the ward through formulation, advice and MDT care planning in relation to the psychological, emotional, cognitive and behavioural issues that might be seen following a major trauma incident. This included providing an interface with Trauma Network services (for example, mental health and rehabilitation services and other relevant agencies/services) to support best care and treatment planning.

Trainee Clinical Psychologist September 2012 – August 2015

Lancaster University/Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust

Clinical placements included:

- Tier 3 CAMHS, where I worked with young people (5-18 years old) and families.

- Adult inpatient mental health service supporting people who were admitted voluntarily or under a section of the Mental Health Act.
- Community neurological rehabilitation team, supporting people with a range of acquired brain injuries and neurological conditions.
- Community learning disability team, which involved 1-1 work (adapted CBT and CAT techniques) and systemic working through families and staff teams.
- Specialist placement, across two acute neurological rehabilitation and trauma assessment hospital wards.
- Innovative placement in Uganda, contributing to various projects including helping facilitate workshops for professionals and mental health service users in Uganda to explore how recovery is conceptualised and what factors might help or hinder the process.

Relevant academic/research interests include work on professional identity, including issues around use of effort/symptom validity tests in neuropsychology settings and cognitive rehabilitation. I have published research examining the use of the Strengths and Difficulties questionnaire in young children. My thesis research explored self-esteem and social anxiety following acquired/traumatic brain injury, and two papers were published in a high impact international peer-reviewed academic journal.

Locality Lead Primary Care Mental Health Worker March 2011 – August 2012

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, Preston

Alongside a PCMHW clinical role, I was responsible for providing line management and supervision to the PCMHW team. In addition to overseeing service provision and conducting routine audit I led the locality in service development, liaising with service managers and local GPs. I was also responsible for the development and introduction of psychoeducation groups around anxiety and depression, in addition to mental health promotion.

Primary Care Mental Health Worker

October 2008 – March 2011

5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Wigan

I delivered guided self-help interventions and brief psychological therapy based on cognitive-behavioural principles, supporting people with common mental health problems (e.g. anxiety and depression). I was also the service lead for older adults, which contributed to my decision to examine barriers facing older adults in accessing mental health services for my master's dissertation.

Publications

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