

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Qualifications:

BA (Hons) Psychology N. E. London Polytechnic / University of London, 1973

BPS Diploma in Clinical Psychology (Dip. Clin. Psychol.) University of Manchester, 1975

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) University of Leeds, 1986

Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (AFBPsS)

Chartered Psychologist (C.Psychol)

Member of the Expert Witness Institute (MEWI)

Senior Associate of the Royal Society of Medicine

Work History:

I qualified as a Clinical Psychologist in 1975 and progressed to Consultant status by 1986.

I was employed by Rochdale Healthcare Trust from October 1975 until February 2002, when I commenced work in full-time private practice.

I held Consultant status and was a member of the Management Team of Clinical Psychology Services. I was Deputy Head of Clinical Psychology Services for a period of ten years.

Areas of expertise:

My clinical approach has been cognitive-behavioural. I believe that a directive, collaborative approach is the most effective for the majority of clinical problems, as opposed to a non-directive, 'client-centred' or psychodynamic approach.

My main role whilst working for Rochdale Healthcare Trust was to provide a service to adult and adolescent patients referred by hospital consultants. I worked in the field of general medicine. I therefore have expertise in helping patients with psychosomatic or psychophysiological illnesses

such as functional bowel disorders, asthma, diabetes, psoriasis, chronic pelvic pain and back pain. Many of my patients have however presented with typical and common symptoms of anxiety and/or depression and much of my time has therefore been spent carrying out this more routine work.

I have had a number of other areas of interest and expertise, namely, psychosexual disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, adjustment disorder, phobias, assertiveness and social skills training, bereavement therapy, chronic pain management and cardiac rehabilitation. I have also specialised in stress-management training, both at an individual and corporate level. I have run many stress-management courses for NHS staff and other professional groups, as well as for individual patients.

My preference has been for working with adult and adolescent patients, although I have experience working with younger children.

I have extensive experience in teaching psychology to undergraduate and medical students and have been responsible for the arrangement of graduate student work experience placements at the Department of Clinical Psychology

As are all clinical psychologists, I am trained in research design and methodology and, as well as having carried out my own PhD research, have supervised research students to PhD level.

Since 1987 I have had experience in preparing psychological reports on clients suffering from the effects of trauma, including assault, industrial injury, road traffic accidents and work-related problems. I typically prepare around 400 reports a year.

I have expertise in assessing both adults and children.

Preparation of such reports follows a thorough cognitive-behavioural assessment. I am fully conversant with the Civil Procedure Rules and the Revised Rules. I am listed in the British Psychological Society Directory of Expert Witnesses and in the Law Society Directory of Expert Witnesses. I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute and APIL.

Membership:

The British Psychological Society (BPS) (Membership No. 009694)
The British Association of Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy (BABCP)
Registration Council of Medical Experts (RCME)
Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)
Listed in the BPS Directory of Chartered Psychologists and Expert Witnesses
Listed in the Law Society Directory of Expert Witnesses
Listed in the UK Register of Expert Witnesses
Expert Witness Institute (EWI)
Association of Medico Legal Doctors (AMLed)
The Royal Society of Medicine