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Chartered Psychologist

## Joanna Clarke

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### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERTISE

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#### Professional and Academic Qualification(s)

Chartered Psychologist  
HCPC Registered

#### Relevant Areas of Expertise; Family Assessments

- Assessment of impact of domestic violence on adults and children
- Parenting capacity assessments
- Assessment of the impact of a parent's psychological status on their children and their ability to provide care for them
- Issues relating to abuse and neglect
- Cognitive Assessments
- Assessments of children and teenagers
- Risk assessment of children with parents diagnosed with drug and alcohol abuse.
- Assessment of children's needs, likely explanation of any difficulties and intervention/treatment recommendations
- Assessment of child's development with respect to their cognition, academic ability and behaviour
- Assessment of a child's social and peer relationships
- Assessment of a child's attachment and resiliency
- Assessment of parent's ability to work with professionals
- Assessment of anxiety and depression (Adult and child mental health)
- Assessment of the cognitive and emotional functioning of a child and the impact of parenting and/or close relationships on this
- Assessment of children's needs in relation to contact and residence issues.

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### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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#### Family Court Expert Witness

I am a Chartered Psychologist with a professional background in child, teenager and adult assessments for the Family Court. As an Expert Witness, I have carried out assessments in the following areas; parenting capacity, attachment issues, abuse and neglect, the impact of domestic violence, personality and psychological disorders. These assessments have also included risk to children of a parent with a diagnosis of drug and alcohol abuse, ability to work with professionals and prognosis for change. I also carry out cognitive assessments.

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## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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### **Part-time clinic-based practice**

I also work in a clinic providing individual and group-based therapy. The issues and disorders addressed within this context include;

- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Family conflict
- Mood disorders, anxiety presentations, personality disorders
- Addictions; Alcohol and drugs
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
- Anger Management Issues
- Developmental disorders

This clinic-based practice involves;

- Undertaking clinical interviews and using standardised psychometric instruments when appropriate to assist with assessment and ongoing evaluation.
- Planning appropriate interventions taking into consideration; time frames, theory, research and the impact of circumstantial, biological or psychosocial factors which affect the psychological processes.
- Using case formulations to plan appropriate interventions and to facilitate client understanding of their experience
- Monitoring the ongoing effectiveness of intervention
- Making reasoned decisions to modify, continue or cease treatment using evaluation and relevant psychometric assessment and record these decisions.

### **Other Expert Witness Experience**

The other areas in which I have acted as Expert Witness include the following; Road Traffic Accidents, Workplace Injury, Vocational Assessments and recommendations for treatment following injury and Assessments of Trauma following Critical Incidents.

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## **QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING**

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- Family Procedure Rules Certificate, Bond Solon
- M.A. Psychology (Applied) Macquarie University, Australia
- Bachelor of Social Science (Hons) Psychology. Charles Sturt University. Australia
- BA Mandarin Chinese Durham University

I have completed training in Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy, Solution-focused therapy, Acceptance and Commitment therapy, Assessing Parenting and the Family Life of Children (Child & Family Training).

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## **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

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- I have full enhanced DBS clearance.
- I hold personal professional indemnity insurance.
- I hold a clean driving licence.