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Qualifications

BA (Hons) Psychology - Durham 1976
MPhil Clinical Psychology - Institute of Psychiatry, London 1978

Associate Fellow, British Psychological Society membership No. 9801
Fellow, Royal Society of Medicine

Positions held

1978 - 1981 Psychologist, Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford (General Psychiatry)
1981 - 1987 Senior Psychologist, St Charles Youth Treatment Centre, Brentwood
(Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry) & Principal Psychologist, Bracton
Clinic, Bexley Hospital, Bexley (Adult Forensic Psychiatry)
1987 - 1988 Team Manager, Herald Assistance Unit, Dover – Disaster Outreach
1988 to date Partner, Centre for Crisis Psychology – Trauma Aftercare

1988 to 1991 Honorary Lecturer, London University

Clinical specialism 1: Psychological trauma

Author of many articles on trauma including research into those involved in the Zeebrugge, Clapham & Piper Alpha disasters. Author of "Coping with Catastrophe" (2nd Ed. Routledge, 1998) – a textbook on managing psychological trauma.

Clinical practice since 1987 has been in the field of psychological trauma – treatment, assessment and training other professionals.

Medicolegal experience

1989 to date 2000+ reports as partner in Personal Injury Psychology (part of the

Centre for Crisis Psychology). Many completed for Irwin Mitchell (Personal Injury and Insurance Law departments) and other major firms such as Shoosmith and Harrison. Cases ranged from major disaster to RTA's, and included medical negligence work (particularly psychological aspects of dental malpractice).

Experience of giving expert witness testimony in approximately 1% of cases.

Claimant 80%, defence 5%, single joint expert 15% with increasing work referred directly from insurance companies.

Basic head injury assessment undertaken.

Clinical specialism 2: Forensic

Clinical practice 1981-7 in secure facilities, firstly with adolescents who had committed grave offences, later with adult offenders.

Medicolegal experience

1981 to date Provision of reports to Parole Board and to defence solicitors in criminal cases sexual/violent offences and other matters. Intellectual assessment of offenders.

Experience of giving expert witness testimony in approximately 5% of cases.

Clinical specialism 3: Occupational Health Assessments

Provision of occupational health assessments in psychological matters for a variety of companies: Centre for Crisis Psychology, AXA-ICAS etc.

