

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 Clinical Psychologist (C.Psychol)

Member of the Expert Witness Institute (MEWI)

Work History:

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 is cognitive-behavioural. My intervention with patients is therefore usually relatively brief, averaging perhaps 5 sessions of 60 minutes duration. 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.e. I worked in the field of general medicine. I therefore have expertise in helping patients with psychosomatic or psychophysiological disorders such as functional bowel disorders, asthma, diabetes, psoriasis, chronic pelvic pain and back pain. Many of my patients however present with typical and common symptoms of anxiety and/or depression and much of my time is therefore spent carrying out this more routine work.

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

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

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

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

Since 1986 I have had experience in preparing psychological reports on clients suffering from the effects of trauma, including assault, road traffic accidents and work-related problems. I prepared 90 reports in 2002/3, 140 in 2003/4 and 316 in 2004/5.

Preparation of such reports follows a thorough cognitive-behavioural assessment and psychometric testing as necessary. I have frequently been asked by solicitors to provide a course of cognitive-behavioural therapy following assessment and the provision of a report. I am fully conversant with the Civil Procedure Rules (The Woolf Reforms, 1999) and the revised Rules (November 2005). I am listed in the 2005/6 British Psychological Society Directory of Expert Witnesses and in the 2005/6 Law Society Directory of Expert Witnesses.

In April 2002 I formed the organisation North West Psychologists. Further information is available at www.expertsearch.co.uk and www.northwestpsychologists.com

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)**