

PROFILE

I am registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), Chartered by the British Psychological Society (BPS), and have been trained to work as an expert witness by the BPS. I have worked in a range of NHS mental health services since 2004, including several specialist psychological trauma services and an Occupational Health service, and have specialized in the areas of trauma/adversity and risk since 2012. I work with individuals across the lifespan – with children, adolescents, and adults – and split my week between NHS clinical practice as a Consultant Clinical Psychologist, expert witness assessments, conducting and supervising research, and some private psychological therapy. I have a professional doctorate in Clinical Psychology and a Psychology PhD that focused on measurement and assessment. My doctorates, extensive clinical experience and training, and ongoing Continuing Professional Development mean that I bring a breadth and depth of knowledge of psychological science and evidence-based practice to expert witness work. I have worked as an expert witness Clinical Psychologist since 2017 and developed a strong reputation for producing rigorous and accessible reports in complex cases. Most of my expert work is in the area of **family law**, although I also work on **personal injury**, **clinical negligence**, and **immigration** cases, and conduct **fitness to work** (Occupational Health) psychological assessments.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2017 PhD in Clinical Psychology, University of Stirling
2013 Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, University of Hertfordshire
2004 B.Sc. (Hons) Psychology. School of Psychology, University of Leicester

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- **Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)** (PYL 30674). Registration authorises usage of a protected title ('Clinical Psychologist') and demonstrates that a particular individual is 'practicing legally, safely and effectively.'
- **Chartered by The British Psychological Society (BPS)** (169463). A legally recognised title that reflects the highest standard of psychological knowledge and expertise.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY & STRATEGIC ROLES

2019-2022 *Assessment, Diagnosis and Formulation Task & Finish Advisory Group* (BPS)
2019-2023 *Safeguarding Task & Finish Advisory Group* (BPS)
2019-2021 *Professional Standards Unit* for the Division of Clinical Psychology (BPS)

EXPERT WITNESS AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- **Psychological/psychiatric problems and responses to trauma and adversity**
- **Parenting competence, family functioning, systemic dynamics, and risk to children** (e.g., residency; contact arrangements; ability to make and sustain changes; parental alienation)
- Theory and evidence-based **risk assessment and management across the lifespan** (e.g., suicide attempts, nonsuicidal self-injury/self-harm, sexual recidivism, harmful sexual behaviour, domestic abuse, intimate partner violence) – including capacity and motivation to change, protective factors, and recommendations for management/treatment
- **Assessment of mental capacity, fitness to plead, ability to give evidence and testify in Court, malingering, and suggestibility**
- **Occupational health psychology assessments covering fitness to work, return to work, sickness absence**
- **Diagnosis of psychiatric disorders and personality disorders** using gold standard semi-structured diagnostic interviews
- **Psychological formulations** of complex individual and systemic problems and suitability for psychological therapy
- **Neuropsychological assessment**

EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

2016, 2021 5 days expert witness training (The British Psychological Society)

CLINICAL SUPERVISION TRAINING

2019 Competency based feedback and problem resolution in supervision

2018 Psychology specialist supervision course

2016 Introduction to CBT supervision

2015 Generic supervision competencies

RECENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2023- **Consultant Clinical Psychologist (NHS Lanarkshire): Psychology research lead**

- Senior strategic and clinical leadership role providing leadership and management to drive forward a step-change in how NHS Lanarkshire clinicians conduct research: aiming to increase research interest, confidence, competence, engagement, and outputs.

2017- **Consultant Clinical Psychologist in Independent Practice and Expert Witness**

- Expert witness assessments across the lifespan: with children, adolescents, and adults (see page 1).
- Consultation to and supervision of other expert witnesses .
- Highly specialised assessment and interventions for a broad range of psychological problems in children, adolescents, and adults; consultation and supervision.

2022-2023 **Consultant Clinical Psychologist (NHS Lanarkshire): veterans mental health service**

- Led the operational management, strategic development, and long-term planning of the service, managing and supervising psychology and non-psychology staff.
- Highly specialised psychological assessment, interventions, and consultation, and training.

2021-2022 **Principal Clinical Psychologist (NHS GG&C): Occupational Health Long-Covid Service**

- Designed, delivered, and evaluated new Long-Covid service for NHS staff members.
- Embedded the new service within Occupational Health, Human Resources, and the organisation by liaising with relevant stakeholders and senior managers.
- Highly specialised psychological assessment, interventions, consultation, and training.

2016-2021 **Principal Clinical Psychologist (NHS GG&C): Psychological Trauma Service**

- Highly specialised assessment, formulation, and interventions for a wide variety of trauma-related psychological problems in a broad range of populations aged 16+.
- Supervision, consultation, teaching, and training to a range of other professionals on a range of trauma- and risk-related psychological problems and clinical challenges.

2014-2016 **Principal Clinical Psychologist (NHS Lothian): Adult in- and outpatient rehabilitation**

- Introduced and led a psychology service for adult amputees.
- Highly specialised direct and indirect psychological assessment and interventions.
- Supervision, consultation, teaching, and training to a range of other professionals.

CLINICAL RESEARCH

I have published 20 articles on a range of clinical topics, many of which are on trauma/adversity and clinical risk. A full list of my publications can be found at my website (andysiddaway.com). I supervise Doctoral and Masters students and have provided peer-reviews for ~40 journals, including many top-tier outlets. I have been invited to grant review for the ESRC and act as external PhD examiner at three Universities. My expertise in the field of trauma was recognised by an appointment to the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Journal of Traumatic Stress* (2017-2023).