

EXPERT WITNESS CV

I am Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC); Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (BPS); Chartered by the BPS; and Chair of the BPS' Expert Witness Advisory Group, which advises on professional standards and good practice for psychologists working as expert witnesses. I have worked in a range of NHS mental health services since 2004 and have extensive clinical experience assessing and treating children, adolescents, and adults experiencing a wide range of mental health problems/disorders. I have specialised in working with trauma, adversity, adjustment, and risk since 2012, including working in an Occupational Health service, and in services for traumatically bereaved children, adult amputees, veterans, and with a wide range of trauma-exposed populations in the largest psychological trauma service in the UK. **I work with individuals across the lifespan** – with children, adolescents, and adults – and divide my time between NHS clinical practice as a Consultant Clinical Psychologist, expert witness work, and conducting and supervising research. I have worked as an expert witness since 2017 and am **instructed for claimants, defendants, and as a single joint expert**. I conduct **personal injury, clinical negligence, family law, immigration, and employment and work stress expert assessments**. I have a professional doctorate in Clinical Psychology and a PhD that focused on risk research and psychometrics (psychological assessment and evaluation). My doctorates, extensive clinical experience and training, and continuing professional development mean that I bring a breadth and depth of knowledge of psychological science and evidence-based assessment and practice to expert witness work.

EDUCATION & 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 TITLES & REGISTRATIONS

- **Registered as a Practitioner Psychologist with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) (PYL 30674)**. Registration authorises usage of a protected title ('Clinical Psychologist') and demonstrates to the public that a particular individual is 'practicing 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.
- **Use of the title 'Consultant'** reflects seniority and specialist knowledge, competencies, and experience. The interview panels for my NHS Consultant Clinical Psychologist roles included BPS National Assessors, who provide independent guidance on appointments at Consultant level.
- **'Associate Fellow' of the British Psychological Society (AFBPsS)**. A title awarded in recognition of several years' experience and contribution to the field of psychology.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY & STRATEGIC ROLES

2023 onwards Chair: *Expert Witness Advisory Group* (BPS)
2019-2023 Member of *Safeguarding; Assessment, Diagnosis and Formulation; and Professional Standards Unit* Task and Finish Groups (BPS)

AS AN EXPERT WITNESS CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, I HAVE EXPERTISE IN:

- **Conducting detailed assessments of mental health difficulties/disorders using clinical interview**
- **Diagnosing psychiatric disorders and personality disorders using DSM-5-TR and ICD-11**
- **Psychometric/psychological testing**
- **Using psychological formulation** to describe and explain mental health problems/disorders, anticipate and overcome barriers to change (which is relevant to prognosis), and guide an individualised treatment plan and evidence-based interventions. Formulation goes beyond diagnostic labels and uses psychological theory and evidence to explain mental health problems/disorders, including why a specific individual developed particular psychiatric/psychological injuries/problems when they did, problematic systemic relationships, the contributing role of social factors, and how mental and physical health problems inter-relate.

EXPERT WITNESS AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- **Personal injury/clinical negligence**: psychiatric/psychological injuries following accidents (e.g., road traffic or workplace accidents) and breach of duty/negligence, including serious and catastrophic injury, historical abuse, discrimination, military claims, victims of crime and abuse)
- **Family law**: mental health of children and parents, parenting competence, family functioning, sibling and parent relationships, complex systemic dynamics, risk to children, residency, contact, ability to make and sustain changes, parental alienation
- **Theory and evidence-based risk assessment and management across the lifespan**: suicide risk, sexual recidivism, sexually harmful behaviour, domestic abuse, intimate partner violence – including capacity and motivation to change, protective factors, recommendations for management/treatment
- **Immigration/asylum**: victims of torture and abuse, including human trafficking, deportation and its impact on couples and families, risk assessment
- **Employment and work stress**: work-related stress, fitness to work, return to work, employment tribunals, psychiatric injury, bullying, harassment, discrimination

EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

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

RECENT CLINICAL SUPERVISION TRAINING

2024 Supportive supervision of psychological interventions and therapies
2019 Competency based feedback and problem resolution in supervision
2018 Psychology specialist supervision course

RECENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2023+ **Consultant Clinical Psychologist & Psychology Research Lead (NHS Lanarkshire)**

- Senior strategic leadership and management role designing and leading a step-change in the research interest, confidence, competence, engagement, and outputs of 400+ psychological services staff.
- Highly specialised psychological assessment, formulation, and interventions, primarily for trauma-related mental health difficulties/disorders.

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

- Expert witness assessments across the lifespan: with children, adolescents, and adults (see page 1).
- Highly specialised psychological assessment, formulation, and interventions, primarily for trauma-related mental health difficulties/disorders, in children, adolescents, and adults.
- Consultation and supervision.

2022-2023 **Consultant Clinical Psychologist (NHS Lanarkshire): Veterans Mental Health Service**

- Professional lead for the 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, formulation, and interventions for a wide variety of trauma-related mental health difficulties/disorders.
- Consultation, clinical supervision, and training.

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

- Leadership role: designed new Long-Covid service for NHS staff members and embedded it within Occupational Health and Human Resources, liaising with senior managers and leaders.
- 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-related mental health difficulties/disorders.

2014-2016 **Principal Clinical Psychologist (NHS Lothian): Adult Rehabilitation**

- Introduced and led a psychology service for adult amputees.
- Highly specialised direct and indirect psychological assessment and interventions, supervision, consultation, teaching, and training.

CLINICAL RESEARCH & TEACHING

I have published ~20 articles on a range of clinical topics, many of which are on trauma/adversity and clinical risk. A complete list of my publications can be found at my website (andsiddaway.com). I supervise Doctoral and Masters students, have been invited to grant review for the ESRC and act as external PhD examiner, and have provided hundreds of peer-reviews for ~60 journals, including top-tier journals such as *American Psychologist*, *PNAS*, and *The Lancet Psychiatry*. My research and clinical expertise in the field of trauma was recognised by two successive appointments to the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Traumatic Stress* (2017-2023). I was recently invited to write a best practice guide on assessing and diagnosing posttraumatic stress disorder for medico-legal and other clinical purposes and a clinical update on flashbacks for *BJPsych Advances*, the Royal College of Psychiatrists' continuing professional development journal for psychiatrists. I have teaching/training experience in clinical and academic settings and sometimes present educational lectures on different aspects of expert witness work to psychiatrists and legal professionals.

Example publications on trauma/adversity:

- Siddaway, A. P.** (2024). Assessment and diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSDs) for medico-legal and other clinical purposes: DSM-5-TR PTSD, ICD-11 PTSD and ICD-11 complex PTSD. *BJPsych Advances*, 30, 383-397.
- Siddaway, A. P.**, Meiser-Stedman, R., Chester, V., Finn, J., O'Leary, C., Peck, D., & Loveridge, C. (2022). Trauma-focused guided self-help interventions for posttraumatic stress disorder: A meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials. *Depression and Anxiety*, 39, 675–685.
- Siddaway, A. P.** (2020). Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) research: Commonalities with similar, arguably identical literatures and the need for integration. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, 217, 397-398.
- Kuppens, S., Moore, S. C., Gross, V., Lowthian, E., & **Siddaway, A. P.** (2019). The enduring effects of parental alcohol, tobacco, and drug use on child wellbeing: A multi-level meta-analysis. *Development and Psychopathology*, 5, 1-14.
- Siddaway, A. P.**, Taylor, P. J., Wood, A. M., & Schulz, J. (2015). A meta-analysis of the role of perceptions of defeat and entrapment in depression, anxiety problems, posttraumatic stress disorder, and suicidality. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 184, 149-159.
- Siddaway, A. P.**, Wood, A. M., Schulz, J., & Trickey, D. (2015). Evaluation of the CHUMS child bereavement group programme: A pilot study examining statistical and clinical change. *Death Studies*, 39, 99-110.
- Trickey, D., **Siddaway, A. P.**, Meiser-Steadman, R., Serpell, L., & Field, A. P., (2012). A meta-analysis of risk factors for posttraumatic stress disorder in children and adolescents. *Clinical Psychology Review*, 32, 122-138.