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EXPERT WITNESS CV

Dr Siddaway is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Expert Witness specialising in trauma, adversity, stress, medical psychology (e.g., chronic pain), and clinical risk. He chairs the British Psychological Society's Expert Witness Advisory Group, which advises on professional standards and good practice for psychologists working in the legal arena. He prepares approximately 100 medico-legal reports per year (55% claimant, 40% defendant, 5% joint) for cases involving adults, adolescents, and children. He is regularly instructed in complex and high-value personal injury and clinical negligence claims, providing expert opinion on psychological injury (including diagnosis), causation, prognosis, treatment needs, and functional impact (including disability). He also accepts instructions in immigration, employment, and child/family proceedings, as well as Fast Track and Intermediate Track personal injury claims. Dr Siddaway has extensive experience in medico-legal assessment and provides clear, well-reasoned, accessible reports and oral evidence in accordance with CPR Part 35. His professional opinions are impartial, balanced, and evidence-based. Assessments follow a structured, forensic methodology, involving detailed clinical interview, mental state examination, behavioural observation, review of relevant records and collateral information, and psychometric and symptom validity testing where appropriate. Opinions are based on the totality of available information, with careful consideration of internal and external consistency, response bias, alternative explanations, and clinical plausibility.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL TITLES & REGISTRATIONS

- **Registered Practitioner Psychologist (Clinical Psychologist), Health and Care Professions Council** (PYL 30674). The HCPC is the regulatory body for practitioner psychologists.
- **Chartered Psychologist, British Psychological Society** (169463). Chartered members must comply with BPS codes of conduct and member conduct rules.
- **Consultant title** reflecting seniority and specialist knowledge, competencies, and experience.
- **Associate Fellow, British Psychological Society (AFBPsS)**, awarded in recognition of several years' experience and contribution to the field of psychology.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY & STRATEGIC ROLES

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

EXPERT WITNESS AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- **Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence**: Psychological injury and mental disorder following trauma, adversity and stress, including accidents, physical injury, medical error, breach of duty, data breaches, abuse, crime, discrimination, and military experience. Assessment of psychological injury, prognosis, causation, treatment needs, and functional impact (including disability).
- **Employment and Employment Tribunals**: Work-related stress and psychological injury, including fitness for work. Psychological effects of bullying, harassment, discrimination, and unfair dismissal. Opinion on causation, prognosis, and functional impact in the context of employment litigation and tribunal proceedings.
- **Immigration**: Assessment of individuals exposed to torture, trafficking, and abuse, including the psychological impact of detention and deportation on individuals, couples, and families. Risk assessment and opinion on vulnerability and future risk.
- **Child/Family**: Mental health of children and parents, parenting capacity, and family functioning, including complex and high-conflict presentations. Assessment of risk to children, residency and contact, capacity to effect and sustain change, and relational dynamics (including allegations of parental alienation).
- **Risk Assessment and Management**: Assessment of suicide risk, sexual recidivism, sexually harmful behaviour, domestic abuse, intimate partner violence. Theory- and evidence-based risk assessment,

formulation, and management, including protective factors, capacity and motivation to change, and treatment recommendations.

EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

2016/21/25 Expert Witness Training (The British Psychological Society)
2026 Expert Witness Essential Skills Course for Pain Management & Psychiatric Clinicians (Pain Expert)

RECENT LEADERSHIP & CLINICAL SUPERVISION TRAINING

2026 Leadership and management development programme
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)**

- Highly specialised psychological assessment, formulation, and interventions, primarily for trauma-related mental health difficulties/disorders.
- 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.

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

Dr Siddaway conducts and supervises research alongside NHS clinical practice and expert witness work. He has published ~20 articles on a range of clinical topics, many of which are on trauma/adversity and clinical

risk. A complete list of his publications can be found at his website (andysiddaway.com). His publications have been cited over 6,000 times to date. He supervises Doctoral and MSc students, has been invited to grant review for the ESRC and act as external PhD examiner, and has provided hundreds of peer-reviews for ~60 journals, including top-tier journals such as *American Psychologist*, *PNAS*, and *The Lancet Psychiatry.* Dr Siddaway's 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). His expertise is respected by Clinical and Counselling Psychologists, Psychiatrists, and legal professionals and he was invited to write a best practice guide on assessing and diagnosing posttraumatic stress disorder for medico-legal and other clinical purposes for *BJPsych Advances*, the Royal College of Psychiatrists' continuing professional development journal for psychiatrists. He teaches and delivers training in clinical and academic settings and presents educational lectures on different aspects of expert witness work to other mental health experts and legal professionals.

Selected publications relevant to trauma/adversity and medico-legal practice:

Siddaway, A. P. (2025). Flashbacks uniquely characterise post-traumatic stress disorder: distinguishing flashbacks from other psychological processes and phenomena. *BJPsych Advances*.

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., Wood, A. M., O'Carroll, R. E., & O'Connor, R. C. (2019). Characterizing self-injurious cognitions: Development and validation of the Suicide Attempt Beliefs Scale (SABS) and the Nonsuicidal Self-Injury Beliefs Scale (NSIBS). *Psychological Assessment, 31*, 592-608

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.