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PROFILE

I am a HCPC Registered Practitioner Psychologist and Chartered by the British Psychological Society (BPS). I attended the BPS' expert witness training and recently became Chair of the BPS' Expert Witness Advisory Group. 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 clinical 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 work, and conducting and supervising research. I have worked as an expert witness since 2017 and developed a strong reputation for producing rigorous and accessible reports in complex cases. I work on **personal injury, clinical negligence, family law, and immigration** cases, and conduct **fitness to work** (Occupational Health) psychological assessments. I have a professional doctorate in Clinical Psychology and a Psychology PhD that focused on the psychological assessment of suicide. 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 clinical practice to expert witness work.

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 & CONSULTANT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST TITLE

- **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.
- **Use of the title 'Consultant Psychologist'** reflects seniority and specialist knowledge, competencies, and experience.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY & STRATEGIC ROLES

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

EXPERT WITNESS AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

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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 & Psychology Research Lead (NHS Lanarkshire)

- Senior strategic leadership and management role designing and leading a step-change in the research interest, confidence, competence, and outputs of psychological services staff.
- Highly specialised psychological assessment, formulation, and interventions.

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 multi-disciplinary professionals 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

- 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, interventions, consultation, 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- and risk-related psychological problems and clinical challenges.

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

I have extensive teaching/training experience in clinical and academic settings and experience of public engagement. 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 ~45 journals, including top-tier journals such as *American Psychologist*, *PNAS*, and *The Lancet Psychiatry*. 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 two successive appointments to the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Traumatic Stress* (2017-2023) and an invitation to write a best practice guide (to be published in 2023) on PTSD in the medico-legal context for *BJPsych Advances*, the continuing professional development journal of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.