

## EXPERT WITNESS CV

Dr Siddaway is a HCPC-regulated Consultant Clinical Psychologist and medico-legal expert specialising in trauma/adversity-related mental health problems/disorders, adjustment and the psychological aspects of chronic pain, and clinical risk (risk to self, risk to others, risk from others). He combines NHS clinical practice with expert witness work and conducting and supervising research and works across the lifespan – with children, adolescents, and adults. He Chairs the British Psychological Society's Expert Witness Advisory Group, which advises on professional standards and good practice for psychologists working as expert witnesses. He is a trusted expert witness for personal injury, clinical negligence, immigration, employment, and family law assessments and prepares around 100 expert reports per year (20% joint, 60% claimant, 20% defendant). He takes a forensic approach, involving meticulous assessment and the triangulation of objective and subjective sources of evidence to deliver robust, balanced, evidence-based, and comprehensive evaluations. He is known for delivering high-quality assessments that meet the demands of complex legal cases and providing clear evidence in Court.

## 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). The HCPC is the regulatory body for practitioner psychologists. Registration authorises usage of a professional title ('Clinical Psychologist') that is protected by law and demonstrates that a particular individual is practicing safely and effectively. Regulated professionals must comply with the HCPC's standards of conduct, performance and ethics.
- **Chartered by The British Psychological Society (BPS)** (169463). A legally recognised title that reflects the highest standard of psychological knowledge and expertise. Chartered members of the BPS must comply with BPS codes of conduct and member conduct rules.
- **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-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:** psychiatric/psychological injuries and mental health problems following traumatic experiences, accidents, physical injury, historical abuse, discrimination, military claims, and victims of crime and abuse
- **Risk assessment and management:** suicide risk, sexual recidivism, sexually harmful behaviour, domestic abuse, intimate partner violence. Theory and evidence-based risk assessment and management, including capacity and motivation to change, protective factors, recommendations for management/treatment
- **Employment:** work-related stress, fitness to work, return to work, employment tribunals, psychiatric injury, bullying, harassment, discrimination
- **Immigration/asylum:** victims of torture and abuse, including human trafficking, deportation and its impact on couples and families, risk assessment
- **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

### **EXPERT WITNESS METHODOLOGIES:**

- **Clinical interview:** meticulous assessments of complex mental health problems/disorders
- **Diagnosis of psychiatric disorders and personality disorders using DSM-5-TR and ICD-11 criteria**
- **Psychometric/psychological testing**
- **Psychological formulation:** Uses psychological theory and evidence to explain complex mental health problems/disorders (including why a specific individual developed particular mental health problems/injuries when they did, how mental and physical health problems inter-relate, the contributing role of social factors, and problematic systemic relationships); anticipate and overcome barriers to change (relevant to judgments about prognosis); and guide individualised, evidence-based interventions.

### **EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING**

2016, 2021      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)**

- 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 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 5,000 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 and valued by Clinical and Counselling Psychologists, Psychiatrists, and legal professionals and he was recently 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.

### **Example publications on trauma/adversity:**

- 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.