

Dr Con Cullen

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

MB MRCPsych MSc

Consultant Psychiatrist

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

MB BCH BAO BA, Trinity College Dublin 1993

MRCPsych, 1998

CCST with Endorsement in Addictions, 2005

MSc in Addictions, King's College London, 2005

MSc in Clinical Neuropsychiatry, King's College London, 2019

Approved Clinician/Approved under Section 12 (2) of the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007).

MEMBERSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- Expert Witness Certificates (2012) in Civil, Criminal and Family Law from Cardiff University Law School and Bond Solon
- British Neuropsychiatry Association
- Faculty of Neuropsychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatrists
- UK General Medical Council
- Medical Protection Society
- British Medical Association
- UK Register of Expert Witnesses

PAST & PRESENT POSITIONS

I am an independent consultant psychiatrist in the fields of general adult psychiatry, liaison and neuropsychiatry, and addictions psychiatry. I have a special interest in forensic psychiatry. I have a Masters in Clinical Neuropsychiatry (2019), and a Masters in the Clinical and Public Health Aspects of Addictions (2005), both from King's College London/Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital, London. I carry out medicolegal assessments on a fulltime basis, and therefore I can offer short waiting and turnaround times for assessments and reports respectively.

I was previously a fulltime substantive consultant psychiatrist from 2006 to 2017 for East London NHS Foundation Trust. I worked in an inner-city area with high rates of severe and complex mental illness.

During that time, I worked as a consultant liaison psychiatrist for five years based in Homerton University Hospital, treating patients with physical health problems with co-existing mental illness, including patients with dementia and other neurodegenerative conditions, and patients with functional neurological disorders including chronic pain syndromes and medically unexplained symptoms. During this time, I also provided neuropsychiatric input into the local Regional Neurological Rehabilitation Unit at Homerton University Hospital for patients with acquired brain injury.

I have additionally been a consultant in Home Treatment and Assertive Outreach Services. I also have experience as a locum consultant psychiatrist in Addictions Psychiatry in Georges and South West London NHS Trust.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

- Addictions
- Mood disorders
- Personality disorders
- Psychotic illnesses
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Histories of child sexual abuse
- Psychological problems associated with physical health problems
- Chronic pain and mental health problems
- Medically unexplained symptoms
- Neuropsychiatric conditions including traumatic brain injury
- Assessment of mental capacity

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MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Percentage split of medico-legal activity:

- Claimant 60%
- Defendant 30%
- Joint 10%

Reports produced per year: 150 approx.

Court/tribunal attendances in last 3 years: 12

I have Expert Witness Certificates (2012) in Civil, Criminal and Family Law from Cardiff University Law School and Bond Solon. I have attended PROSOLS advanced training (Giles Eyre 9 Gough Square) in Report Writing and Understanding Legal Tests.

I have attended Clinical Negligence training delivered by Specialist Info (Jonathan Dingle 218 Strand). I have undertaken multiple visits to clients in their homes, in prison and at solicitors' offices.

I prepare an average of 150 reports per year in civil, criminal and family proceedings including housing, asylum and occupational health proceedings. I have appeared in crown courts and magistrates' courts including the Old Bailey.

I have prepared reports in a broad range of cases as follows:

Personal injury (accidents & assaults)

- PTSD
- Depression
- Chronic pain and syndromes
- Functional neurological disorders
- Exacerbation of pre-existing mental illness
- Traumatic brain injury
- Neuropsychiatry
- Somatic symptom disorder

Criminal

- Fitness to plead/stand trial
- Mens rea assessments
- Drug and alcohol assessments
- CICA assessments

Family

- Parental mental health assessments in childcare proceedings
- Personality disorders
- Drug and alcohol assessments

Employment

- Disability and discrimination
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Assessments of work fitness

Housing

- Disability and vulnerability due to mental illness
- Risk assessments

Immigration

- Asylum and deportation proceedings

Capacity

- Testamentary capacity
- Capacity to make decisions about litigation, finances, residence and care
- Assessments for LPA
- COP4 assessments