

Dr Vikki Hunkin

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

BA(Hons), D.Clin.Psych, CPsychol, HCPC
Registered, Pg.Dip, QiCN

**Clinical Psychologist and Clinical
Neuropsychologist**

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

2015 Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology
(adult) British Psychological Society

2011 Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical
Neuropsychology University of Bristol

2009 Doctorate in Clinical Psychology University
of Plymouth

2003 BA (Hons) Experimental Psychology
University of Oxford

PAST & PRESENT POSITIONS

Since 2009 Dr Hunkin worked as a Clinical Neuropsychologist in the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust. The Clinical Neuropsychology Service is a specialist assessment, consultation and rehabilitation service for adults with cognitive impairment secondary to known or suspected neurological illness and injury.

Clinically, her role includes assessment, focused intervention and consultation to aid in the differential diagnosis of cognitive disorders, to guide multidisciplinary rehabilitation, to assess mental capacity, and to identify psychosocial factors impeding rehabilitation. She has also provided training and supervision to other psychologists and allied health professionals.

- Since 2009 she has been an Associate Editor for Europe's Journal of Psychology.
- Trainee Clinical Psychologist Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, 2006 – 2009
- 2003 – 2006 Assistant Psychologist across various organisations

MEMBERSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Registered Psychologist, HCPC

Chartered Clinical Psychologist, BPS

Full Member, Division of Neuropsychology, BPS

Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists, BPS

Directory of Expert Witnesses, BPS

Trustee, Headway Cornwall

SPECIAL INTERESTS

- Learning/developmental disability and difficulties
- Acquired brain injury
- Stroke
- Dementia
- Chronic neurological illness such as epilepsy
- Psychiatric conditions which present with memory problems

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERTISE

- Full neuropsychological assessment – assessment of the impact of neurological injury or illness on cognition, emotional well-being, and behaviour; opinion on severity of injury and prognosis; and expert guidance on the management and treatment of neuropsychological problems.
- Cognitive assessment – including overall IQ as well as a profile of strengths and weaknesses in verbal, non-verbal, processing speed, memory and executive functioning skills.
- Mental capacity assessment - including litigation capacity, testamentary capacity, capacity to make care decisions, financial capacity, and fitness to plead and stand trial. All assessments are undertaken in accordance with the Mental Capacity Act (2005).

Dr Hunkin has experience in providing these to the Family Courts, Civil Courts, Criminal Courts and to the Probation Service. She accepts claimant, defendant and joint instructions. She has experience of conference with Counsel, expert joint statements, and giving evidence in Court, and has undertaken training in Expert Witness work.