

Dr Birgit Gurr

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist

DClin Psych, Dipl Psych, AFBPsS

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

- University of Wales, Bangor, Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, 2004
- Leipzig University, Germany, Psychology, German Diplomas, 1996
- Fachschule Halle, Germany, Teaching Degree, 1987

MEMBERSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- British Psychological Society - Division of Clinical Neuropsychology
- Division of Neuropsychology – Co-opted member of Policy Unit
- Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (AFBPsS)
- Health & Care Professions Council

PAST & PRESENT POSITIONS

- **Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist**, Clinical Lead Community Brain Injury and Adult Neuropsychology Services, Dorset Healthcare University Foundation Trust, *2015-present*
- **Private Practice Clinical & Neuropsychology**, *2002-present*
- **Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist**, Poole Stroke Unit and **Principal Neuropsychologist – Adult Neuropsychology**, Dorset, *1999-2015*
- **Visiting Professor** Bournemouth University, **Visiting lecturer**, Southampton & Exeter Universities (part time), *2009-present*
- **Psychology Lead**, Headway Dorset (part time Locum Post), *2004 - 2005*
- **Clinical Psychologist**, Poole Hospital, *1998-1999*

MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Dr Birgit Gurr has operated a private practice since 2002, specialising in expert witness work for serious personal injury claims and medical negligence, with a claimant/defendant ratio of about 60:40.

Dr Gurr has provided services for the family court and prison services and participated in British Psychological Society workshops preparing clinical and forensic psychologists for court-related duties.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Dr Gurr is a qualified clinical neuropsychologist with expert knowledge in neuropsychological assessment and rehabilitation for patients with stroke, brain injury, and other neurological conditions, combined with neuro-psychological/psychiatric disturbances, including functional disorders.

Her clinical and research interests focus on highly complex conditions and the intricate aspects of brain injury and trauma, inspired by her work with these patient groups in acute and community neuro-rehabilitation units and mental health teams at the University Hospitals Dorset, Dorset Healthcare University Foundation Trust. Dr Gurr's background includes training in neuropsychology, clinical psychology, neurology, and psychiatry.

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PUBLICATIONS

- Cognitive change following stroke and its impact on long-term care. Journal article: Gurr B, Orme F (2016). International Journal for Therapy and Rehabilitation, Vol 23.
- Conference poster presentation: Orme, F & Gurr, B (2016). Joining Forces for Stroke conference, Exeter, 2016; National Stroke Association Conference, Liverpool, 2016.
- Holistic management of epilepsy and non-epileptic seizures. Journal article: Tanskanen S & Gurr B (2016). Nursing in Practice, volume 89, pp 56-58.
- I'll be back in a Minute: A training initiative about effective nurse communication with acute stroke patients, Journal article: Williams K, Gurr B. (2016). British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing.
- Understanding epileptic and non-epileptic seizures: a bio-psycho-social perspective. Editorial: Gurr, B (2017). International Journal for Therapy and Rehabilitation.
- The psychological nature of seizure conditions. Journal article: Gurr B, Tanskanen S (2017). International Journal for Therapy and Rehabilitation.
- EMOTIONAL PROCESSING SCALE – Deutsche Adaptation. Ein Fragebogen zur Emotionalen Bewaeltigung. Gurr B, Kleinstaeuber M, Stuflesser A, Baker R, Hogrefe Verlag, (2018).
- Functional and Cognitive Examination (FaCE): a standardised neuropsychological and occupational screening procedure for acute brain injury patients. Hussein Y, Rose M, Gurr B, Under review with International Journal for Therapy and Rehabilitation.
- What type of inhibition underpins performance on Luria's Fist-Edge-Palm task? Journal article: Michael Varkovetski, Kaisla Pihkanen, Shanti Shanker, Benjamin A. Parris, Birgit Gurr. (2020). What type of inhibition underpins performance on Luria's Fist-Edge-Palm task? Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology, Volume 42:6, 544-555.
- How did patients with acquired brain injury cope with the interruption of their rehabilitation programme due to the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown? Journal article: Pampoulov, P, Gurr B (2021). Clinical Psychology Forum 337; 24-27.
- HEADACHES AND MILD BRAIN TRAUMA - A Practical Psychotherapy Guide. Book publication: Gurr, B (2ND edition, 2021), London: Routledge.
- An evaluation of a group intervention for fatigue in a mental health setting (2021) Conference paper: Glover, T., Gurr, B.
- Brain injury Education group for people with Acquired Brain Injury Outcomes (2021) Conference paper: Gurr, B., Timmings, L.
- Dynamic Cognitive Stimulation for Stroke Patients – A Pilot. King, G., Gurr, B., Seiss, E. (2022). UK Stroke Forum conference: Poster verbal presentation.