

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).

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

Dr Con Cullen is an independent consultant psychiatrist specialising in general adult psychiatry, liaison and neuropsychiatry, and addictions psychiatry. He has a strong interest in forensic psychiatry.

He now undertakes medicolegal assessments on a full-time basis, offering short waiting times and prompt delivery of reports.

From 2006 to 2017, he was a full-time substantive consultant psychiatrist with East London NHS Foundation Trust, working in an inner-city setting with high levels of severe and complex mental illness. For five years he served as a consultant liaison psychiatrist at Homerton University Hospital, treating patients with physical health problems alongside co-existing mental illness. His work included dementia, other neurodegenerative conditions, functional neurological disorders such as chronic pain and medically unexplained symptoms, and providing neuropsychiatric input to the Regional Neurological Rehabilitation Unit for patients with acquired brain injury.

He has also worked as a consultant in Home Treatment and Assertive Outreach Services, and he has experience as a locum consultant psychiatrist in addictions psychiatry within St George's 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

Dr Con Cullen's medico-legal practice comprises approximately 70% claimant work, 30% defendant work. He prepares around 150 reports each year. He has attended court or tribunal hearings on over 12 occasions.

He holds Expert Witness Certificates (2012) in Civil, Criminal and Family Law from Cardiff University Law School and Bond Solon. He has completed PROSOLS advanced training in report writing and understanding legal tests (Giles Eyre, 9 Gough Square), as well as clinical negligence training delivered by Specialist Info (Jonathan Dingle, 218 Strand). His assessments have included home visits, prison visits, and meetings held in solicitors' offices.

He prepares reports across civil, criminal and family proceedings, including housing, asylum and occupational health matters, and has appeared in both crown courts and magistrates' courts, including the Old Bailey. He has provided expert evidence in a wide range of cases, including:

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
- Clinical Negligence

Criminal

- Fitness to plead/stand trial
- CICA assessments

Capacity

- Testamentary capacity
- Capacity to make decisions about litigation, finances, residence and care