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Academic Qualifications

Doctorate in Applied Forensic Psychology incorporating Master of Science in Applied Forensic Psychology (Foren.Psy.D) – June 2014 – University of Birmingham

Master of Science (MSc) Performance Psychology – August 2009 – London Metropolitan University.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA Hons) – July 2008 – Royal Holloway University, University of London

Professional Qualifications / Memberships

Registered Forensic Psychologist Health Care Professions Council (PYL31542)

Chartered Psychologist British Psychological Society (BPS) (no. 252328)

Full Member of the Division of Forensic Psychology, British Psychological Society

Affiliate Member of the American Psychological Society

Professional Experience

My doctoral thesis focused on the relationship between parental personality traits and the perpetration of child abuse and maltreatment, the response styles of individuals involved in care proceedings, and the impact of childhood adversity on the development of personality traits and subsequent perpetration of child maltreatment. Additionally the focus of my previous empirical research has been the use of personality measures with individuals involved in care proceedings.

Throughout my career I have been involved in assessing all forms of behavioural risk that individuals displaying offending or maladaptive behaviours may pose to themselves and others. This has allowed me to hone the process that I follow which tends to include developing an attachment and personality-based formulation incorporating appropriate risk assessments and consideration of

motivation and attitudinal stance. This is prior to, where applicable and appropriate, designing and delivering therapeutic work attempting to reduce the potential of future offending, substance misuse and/or behaviours that breach societal and behavioural norms and expectations. This has most frequently been based on a cognitive behavioural model due to its relative accessibility to a wide range of service users. I currently work within a medium-secure Therapeutic Community for high risk male offenders with Personality Disorder. The therapeutic approach is based around a psychodynamic framework. I also work as a psychologist within the London Pathways Project, a programme which advises the National Probation Service on risk management and assessment of high risk personality disordered offenders and engagement strategies, and lead on Service User Involvement across London. My professional practice maintains HCPC and BPS ethical, professional and competency standards.

My roles in mental health secure care and medico-legal risk assessment have instilled in me the paramount importance of employing evidence-led scientific practice. I routinely incorporate evidence based theory in my tailoring of individual intervention packages and when selecting appropriate and relevant assessment tools. I have also delivered a number of varied training packages for non-psychology professionals on risk and offence-related topics (e.g. importance of communication in development of risk assessment and management; working with sex-offenders; working with personality-disordered offenders).

I have experience of planning and undertaking assessments and evidence based psychological therapies with individuals with complex mental health needs, including children aged 4 and over and adults with Learning Disabilities and Autistic Spectrum Disorders, as well as individuals with symptoms of psychosis. I have designed and delivered family intervention sessions based on the Durand Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) system as well as assessing children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder using Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) and working with carers and external professionals to implement Positive Behaviour Support Plans. I am a trained Mentalization Based Therapist as well as a trained Narrative Exposure Therapist. I have also received training in Brief Psychodynamic Psychotherapy.

I have frequently liaised with numerous professional and public bodies including Social Services, MAPPA panels, Mental Health and Prison Probation Panel Tribunals as well as Police community safety representatives. Further, I have a comprehensive understanding of the Child in Need and Looked After Child systems. I have received extensive training in risk assessment, including risk of violence, sexual violence, depression, anxiety, and anger as well as protective factors against violence risk. I have also received training in assessment adult attachment styles through an assessment of reflective functioning. I am fully qualified to use the PCL-R tool having received formal training from the Darkstone Organisation and Robert Hare, achieving the Gold Standard of competency. In addition I have received training in use of the HCR-20 Risk Assessment of Violence Matrix, STABLE 2007 & ACUTE 2007 Sex Offender Risk Management tools, Stalking Risk Profile (SRP), SAPROF Assessment of Protective Factors for Violence Risk and WAIS assessment of adult cognitive functioning. I have also received training in the Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview for Children and Adolescents (MINI-KID).

Areas of professional expertise

Family and Capacity

- The relationship between parental personality and risk of child maltreatment
- Risk assessment of physical and sexual abuse, violence (including domestic violence) and partners' ability to protect.
- Assessment of the impact of experiencing childhood physical, sexual or emotional abuse (including witnessing Domestic Abuse) on adult functioning.
- Assessment of capacity as defined by the Mental Capacity Act (2005)
- Psychological aspects of child physical, emotional and sexual abuse
- Family assessments
- Substance abuse and dependence in a forensic and clinical context
- Psychological effects of matrimonial / relationship breakdown and abusive relationships

- All aspects of Care proceedings
- Assessment of intellectual ability of children and adolescents
- Impact of learning disability and autism on family functioning

Criminal

- The link between personality and offending behaviour
- False confessions and assessment of Suggestibility in police interviews
- Offender risk assessment (including sex offenders)
- Fitness to plead (including intellectual ability)
- Management of sex offenders in the community
- Criminal responsibility and compliance in people with learning disability
- Police treatment of vulnerable individuals
- Assessment and diagnosis of Psychopathy (PCL-R)

Employment

- Assessment of stress related symptoms in the workplace and performance related pressure
- Team cohesion and dynamics
- Psychologically planned environments

Education

- Development of Positive Behaviour Support Plans to assist individuals with particular environmental and learning needs.

Current Positions Held

Consultant Forensic Psychologist, Forensis Ltd

Forensic Psychologist & Service User Involvement Lead, London Pathways Partnership

Associate, Psychological Services UK Limited

Relevant Previous Positions

Bank Psychologist, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust

External Consultant, University of Oxford NPEU Research Unit

Assistant Practitioner, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust

Research Officer, Nottingham University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Forensic Psychologist in Training, Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Secure Hospital)

Forensic Psychologist in Training, Parsons Dowd Psychological Ltd

Conference Presentations, Teaching & Training

June 2017 – Jones, H Symposium on Service User Involvement; Division of Forensic Psychology National Conference

Nov 2016 – CT1 Psychiatry Training, Queen Mary, University of London, London

Sept 2016 - Jones, H 'Service User Involvement with High Risk High Harm Personality Disorder' (European Society for the Study of Personality Disorder, Vienna)

June 2016 - Involvement MSc module, Nottingham University Centre for Mental Health, Tavistock Centre, London

May 2015 - current - National Probation Service (NPS) modules ('Working with Personality Disorder'; 'Case Formulation'; 'Personality Disorder Briefings and Case Identification'; 'Personality Disorder Pathways in Custody and Community')