

## **PROFILE**

I am registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and Chartered by the British Psychological Society (BPS). I have worked in a range of NHS mental health services for over 13 years and have specialised in the areas of trauma, adjustment, and risk for the past eight years. I work with children, adolescents, and adults and currently split my week between NHS clinical practice, expert witness assessments, conducting and supervising research, and occasional private psychological therapy. I have a professional doctorate in Clinical Psychology and a Psychology PhD that focused on measurement and assessment. My doctorates, extensive clinical experience and training, and ongoing Continuing Professional Development mean that I bring a depth and breadth of knowledge of psychological science and evidence-based practice to expert witness work. Most of my expert work is in the area of **family law**, although I also work on **personal injury**, **clinical negligence**, and **immigration** cases.

## **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2017 PhD in Clinical Psychology, University of Stirling
- 2013 Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, University of Hertfordshire
- 2004 B.Sc. (Hons) Psychology. School of Psychology, University of Leicester

## **PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION**

- **Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)** (PYL 30674). Registration authorises usage of a protected title ('Clinical Psychologist') and demonstrates that a particular individual is 'practicing legally, safely and effectively.'
- **Chartered by the British Psychological Society (BPS)** (169463). A legally recognised title that reflects the highest standard of psychological knowledge and expertise.

## **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY & STRATEGIC ROLES**

- 2019- *Assessment, Diagnosis and Formulation Task & Finish Advisory Group* for The BPS
- 2019- *Safeguarding Task & Finish Advisory Group* for The BPS
- 2019- *Professional Standards Unit* for the Division of Clinical Psychology of The BPS

## **EXPERT WITNESS AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- **Psychological problems related to trauma, adversity, and adjustment** (eg, trauma; adverse childhood experiences; neglect; abuse; domestic abuse; bereavement; human trafficking; accidents; immigration; chronic medical conditions)
- **Parenting competence, family functioning, risk to children** (inc. contact arrangements, ability to make and sustain changes, parental alienation)
- **Diagnosis of psychiatric disorders and personality disorders** using gold standard semi-structured diagnostic interviews
- Theory and evidence-based **risk assessment and management in children, adolescents, and adults** (eg, suicide attempts, nonsuicidal self-injury/self-harm, sexual recidivism, harmful sexual behaviour, domestic abuse, intimate partner violence), including capacity and motivation to change, protective factors, and recommendations for management/treatment
- **Neuropsychological assessment** (eg, assessment of learning disability)
- **Assessment of mental capacity and ability to give evidence and testify in Court**
- **Psychological formulations** of problems and suitability for psychological treatment

### **EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING**

2016, 2021 Expert witness training (The British Psychological Society)

### **RECENT SUPERVISION TRAINING**

2019 Competency based feedback and problem resolution in supervision

2018 Psychology specialist supervision course

2016 Introduction to CBT supervision

2015 Generic supervision competencies

### **RECENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

Sept 2017 **Chartered Clinical Psychologist in Independent Practice and Expert Witness**

- Expert witness assessments (see above). Areas covered: family law, personal injury, clinical negligence, immigration
- Highly specialised assessment, formulation, and treatment of a broad range of psychological problems in children, adolescents, and adults
- Supervision and consultation of other expert witnesses (including Consultant Psychologists)

July 2021 **Principal Clinical Psychologist: Long-Covid Service**

- Strategic leadership role designing, delivering, and evaluating a Long-Covid service for staff
- Highly specialised psychological assessment, interventions, consultation, and training

2016-2021 **Principal Clinical Psychologist: Adult Psychological Trauma Service**

- Highly specialised assessment, formulation, and treatment of trauma-related psychological problems in a broad range of adult populations
- Supervision, consultation, teaching, and training to a range of other professionals on a range of trauma- and risk-related psychological problems and clinical challenges

2014-2016 **Principal Clinical Psychologist: Adult in- and outpatient rehabilitation**

- Introduced and led a psychology service for adult amputees
- Highly specialised direct and indirect psychological assessment and interventions
- Supervision, consultation, teaching, and training to a range of other professionals

### **RESEARCH**

I have published 17 articles on a range of clinical topics and supervised four Doctorate in Clinical Psychology students and two MSc students. I am regularly asked to peer-review for a range of journals. My trauma expertise was recognised by an appointment to the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Journal of Traumatic Stress* (2017-2022). Sample relevant publications include:

**Siddaway, A. P.** (2020). Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) research: Commonalities with similar, arguably identical literatures and the need for integration. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, 217, 397-398.

Kuppens, S., Moore, S. C., Gross, V., Lowthian, E., & **Siddaway, A. P.** (2019). The enduring effects of parental alcohol, tobacco, and drug use on child wellbeing: A multi-level meta-analysis. *Development and Psychopathology*, 5, 1-14.

**Siddaway, A. P.**, Wood, A. M., O'Carroll, R. E., & O'Connor, R. C. (2019). Characterizing self-injurious cognitions: Development and validation of the Suicide Attempt Beliefs Scale (SABS) and the Nonsuicidal Self-Injury Beliefs Scale (NSIBS). *Psychological Assessment*, 31, 592-608.

Trickey, D., **Siddaway, A. P.**, Meiser-Steadman, R., Serpell, L., & Field, A. P., (2012). A meta-analysis of risk factors for posttraumatic stress disorder in children and adolescents. *Clinical Psychology Review*, 32, 122-138.