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Chartered Clinical and Forensic Psychologist**

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British Psychological Society Membership  
BPS Registered Expert Witness

Dr Lisa Wolfe qualified as a Clinical Psychologist in 1994, has been a Chartered Clinical Psychologist since 1997. She has worked continuously as an Expert Witness in Public and Private Family Law since 1997, assessing Adults, Children (0-18 years) and whole families in Public and Private Family law proceedings.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE**

- Specialist in assessing parents, children and families with the most complex difficulties, and providing the Court and Parties with a comprehensive psychological analysis of the family's risks, strengths and ongoing needs.
- Has prepared 375 medico-legal reports in complex family and Youth Justice cases, giving oral evidence on at least 50 occasions at the Royal Courts of Justice, County Courts, Family Proceedings Courts, Magistrates Courts.
- Regularly participates in Professionals meetings, Experts Meetings and telephone conferencing involving multiple experts giving evidence.

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Psychological/risk assessment of parents with potential mental health difficulties, substance misuse, forensic history, domestic violence allegations and all categories of potential child abuse including risk of Non-Accidental Injury, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and neglect.
- Psychological Assessments of Parents with Learning Disabilities and developmental disorders including Cognitive Assessment, Capacity Assessment, Mental Health, Risk and Parenting Assessment.
- Domestic Violence Risk Assessments including analysis of relationship dynamics, risk of entering into future violent relationships and impact of parental violence on children.
- Psychological Assessments of Children and Adolescents in Public and Private Law and Youth Justice, including children with developmental disorders, severe emotional and behavioural difficulties and attachment disorders.
- Multigenerational Psychological Assessments of whole families in highly complex cases with multiple presenting concerns.
- Attachment Assessments (Parent-Child, Sibling Attachment) and 'Wishes and Feelings' assessments re: children with complex needs beyond expertise of CAFCASS to assess.
- Assessment of Parental capacity to change, engage with therapy and work with professionals.
- Psychological, Parenting and Risk Assessments of Parents and Children in highly complex residence and contact disputes.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1991** Bsc(Hons) Psychology (First Class), University of Warwick  
**1994** British Psychological Society Diploma in Clinical Psychology (Distinction)  
 Salomons Centre (Canterbury Christchurch University)

## WORK HISTORY

### **2014 - Current Psychology Experts**

**2013 - Current** Established Expert Psychological Solutions to widen provision of specialist Family Law Clinical Psychology services direct to Local Authorities (at Child in Need and Pre-Proceedings stage), CAFCASS (training and clinical supervision), Courts, with a new service development for Litigants in person (Private Law) and Adoption and Fostering services (in development).

**2004 – Current** Independent Practice as Company Director of Lisa Holmes Ltd, undertaking UK wide medico-legal assessments in Public and Private Family law and Youth Justice, developing a range of therapeutic assessment and intervention services for parents involved with Child Protection services and offering consultancy, training and supervision to different professional groups (Child protection Social Workers, Children’s Guardians, CAFCASS, Foster Carers).

**2002 - 2004 Forensic Mental Health:** Two periods of employment (1997-2000 part time and 2000-2004 Full-time) as a highly specialised Clinical Psychologist in a Medium Secure Unit providing risk assessment and therapy interventions for individuals with the most complex needs, specialising in severe personality disorder and self-harm, complex mental health conditions such as bi-polar disorder, psychotic conditions and individuals with dual diagnosis (substance misuse and mental health difficulties) and co-existing developmental disorders (such as Autism) and Learning Disability. Staff support, supervision, training for a range of professionals (social workers, nurses, occupational therapists, psychiatric registrars and Clinical Psychology trainees) was a key aspect of the post.

**2000 - 2002 Child and Adolescent mental Health and Youth Offending:** Lisa Wolfe established a new post as Principal Psychologist for East Sussex Youth Offending Team, providing risk assessment and therapy services for children aged 8-18 who were at risk of offending, specialising in children and families with highly complex needs such as developmental disorders, attachment difficulties and severe emotional and behavioural difficulties. I undertook psychological, risk and cognitive assessments (Instructed by Magistrates, County Courts, to advise Multi-Agency placement panels for children with complex needs requiring residential

care and Howard League for Penal Reform) of young people in Secure accommodation, custody and in the community including those children with severe mental health problems who were engaging in violent offending, arson, sexual offending and self-harm, suicidal ideation and Class A substance misuse). Clinical supervision, training and consultancy was provided for all multi-agency staff including social workers, substance misuse workers, education officer, Police and residential and foster carers.

**1995 - 2000**

**Learning Disability (Child and Adult):** Lisa Wolfe worked full time (1995-1997) and part-time (1997-2000) as a Senior Clinical Psychologist in a large NHS Trust, assessing and treating children and adults with mild to severe learning disabilities, specialising in risk assessment with adults and adolescents with complex needs such as offending behaviour, mental health issues and LD and running a county wide, multi-agency assessment and treatment service for families and children with developmental disorders (Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Dyspraxia, specific learning disabilities), suspected learning disabilities and complex medical needs (severe epilepsy, cerebral palsy). Training and supervision of Health, Social Services and Education staff and provision of counselling training to 'Parent Advisors' was a key part of the role.

**1995 - Current**

**Staff Training, Supervision, Organisational Consultancy:** Lisa Wolfe has a strong interest in training, supervising and supporting staff from a variety of backgrounds, in a range of psychological concepts.