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Chartered Clinical Psychologist



Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL04076**
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Dr Marc Desautels is a clinical psychologist specialising in the assessment and treatment of adults and parents with complex mental health and personality problems. He routinely assesses forensic risk in his work with mentally disordered offenders in an NHS medium secure unit. Dr Desautels has a special interest in the assessment and treatment of sexual and violent offenders and focusing on their underlying trauma and intervention.

FAMILY LAW EXPERTISE

- Dr Desautels has regularly presented expert evidence to the family courts since 2011.
- He specialises in parents and families presenting with problems of forensic risk including violence, domestic violence and sexual abuse.
- He has specialist training and experience in working with parents with severe and enduring mental health and personality disorder.
- He works with parents with learning difficulties and regularly assesses mental capacity both in family law and civil law cases.

CRIMINAL AND PRISON LAW EXPERTISE

- Holds Chartered Psychologist status since 2008, specialising in forensic risk assessment and regularly giving evidence to the criminal courts from 2011 onwards.
- He has trained in and researched the assessment and treatment of both adult and child sexual offenders.
- Specialist training in the assessment and treatment of anger, violence and domestic violence and the risk of violent offending.
- Expertise in the assessment of personality and personality disorders and their contribution to substance abuse problems and offending.
- Works with adults with severe and enduring mental health difficulties and offending.

CIVIL LAW EXPERTISE

- He has presented evidence to the civil courts in cases of personal injury, work related injury or stress and medical negligence since 2011.

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- He has received focused training in treatment models of trauma and PTSD and the impact that this can have on mental health and personality.

WORK HISTORY

2011 – Pres Independent Expert Witness

- Clinical Psychologist in Private Therapy Practice
- Senior Clinical Psychologist, Three Bridges Regional Secure Forensic Unit, Medium Secure Units, West London Mental Health NHS Trust

2018 The National Probation Service (Secondment) – Providing consultancy and supervision to probation officers who work with individuals through the London Pathways Partnership

2008 – 11 Clinical Psychologist, Forensic Services- Low Secure Units, West London Mental Health NHS Trust, London

2005 – 08 Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Solihull Care Trust

2004 – 07 Counselling Tutor, Institute of Lifelong Learning, University of Leicester (part-time)

2001 – 05 Teaching Assistant on the MSc in the Assessment and Treatment of Sex Offenders and on the MSc in Forensic Psychology, School of Psychology, University of Leicester

2001 – 04 Course Tutor on the Certificate of Higher Education in Counselling, Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge

2000 – 02 Counselling Tutor, Hills Road Sixth Form College (Adult Continuing Education) and Parkside Community College (Lifelong Learning Department)

1999 – 01 Care Co-ordinator, Crossroads Care, Huntingdon

1999 – 08 Counsellor (Adults), Independent Practice

1996 – 99 Project Development Officer, SHAD (Support and Housing Assistance for People with disabilities), London

1990 – 95 Research Assistant, School of Psychology, Université Laval, Québec and London Psychiatric Hospital, Ontario

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2005 – 08 Doctorate in Clinical Psychology- University of Birmingham

2004 – 05 Post-Graduate Diploma in the Psychodynamics of Human Development- Birkbeck, University of London

2004 Post-Graduate Diploma in Psychology (conversion) Open University

1997 – 98 Diploma in Counselling, Central School of Counselling and Therapy, London

1994 – 95 Certificate in Human Sexuality, Université Laval, Québec

1990 – 94 BA (Hons) in Psychology, Université Laval, Québec

SPECIALIST TRAINING

- 2012** BPS Expert Witness: Essential Knowledge of being an Expert Witness
- 2012** BPS Expert Witness: Report Writing
- 2013** BPS Expert Witness: Presenting Court Room Evidence 11th March 2013;
- 2013** BPS Expert Witness: The Use of Psychometric Assessments for Court
- 2014** Bond Solon: Witness Skills for Courts, Inquiries & Tribunals 13th June 2014

PUBLICATIONS

- Desautels, M., & Brooks-Gordon, B. (2003, June). The therapeutic relationship in the treatment of sex offenders. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research, Weimar, Germany.
- Desautels, M. (2003, July). Sex offender treatment and the therapeutic relationship. Paper presented at the international interdisciplinary meeting of the European Association of Psychology and Law, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Desautels, M. (2003). Bad therapy: Master therapists share their worst failures [review of the book Bad therapy: Master therapists share their worst failures]. *Counselling and Psychotherapy Journal*, 14 (4), 39.