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Dr Derry is a clinical psychologist, family therapist and expert witness specialising in the study and assessment of child development and its relationship to parental functioning, adult attachment, the parent-child relationship and parental risk. He has also worked for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as a psychologist and family therapist.

He is a trained EMDR therapist and has specialist skills and training in the assessment of trauma and PTSD and complex PTSD. He has worked as a Clinical Psychologist for NHS Forensic Mental Health services specialising in the assessment and treatment of patients with severe and enduring mental disorders, personality disorders and sexual offenders.

He has provided independent expert evidence and advice to the Civil, Family and Criminal Courts as well as Mental Health Tribunals for the past 26 years, whilst specialising in family court assessments and intervention. He is the Clinical Director of Psychology Experts, managing and supervising over 400 expert witness Psychologists.

He also runs a busy private therapy practice supporting parents, children and adolescents and is a qualified family therapist and EMDR therapist. He specialises in working with adults with complex mental health problems including developmental trauma or personality disorder, severe and enduring mental health problems as well as adult trauma and PTSD. He has worked extensively with survivors of childhood abuse, victims of torture and consults internationally for immigration welfare organisations. He also offers interventions for parents and children in cases of familial triangulation involving a child's rejection of a parent and the process of divorce.

FAMILY LAW EXPERTISE

- He has specialist training and experience across all aspects of parental capacity and risk including neglect, emotional harm, violence, domestic violence, sexual violence and abuse.
- He delivers training in assessment and intervention in high-conflict families post separation (parental alienation).
- He has specialist training in the assessment of adult attachment and the parent-child attachment relationship in pre-school children and adolescents.
- He has worked with children and their families in family therapy within Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

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- He specialises in assessing children with developmental trauma, attachment disorders and associated mental health problems.
- He has a special interest in attachment and personality development, mental health and substance abuse problems that contribute to non-accidental injury, neglect, sexual, physical and emotional harm to children.
- Research interests included adult attachment and personality and its influence on parental risk and protectiveness and the contribution of the parent-child relationship and attachment to parental risk.
- Systemic (family) practitioner independently providing psychological interventions and therapy for children and parents experiencing family difficulties.

CIVIL LAW EXPERTISE

- He has worked for the civil courts over the last 17 years undertaking assessments of the impact of complex personal injury, the psychological effect of medical negligence and work-related difficulties.
- He has studied and published his doctoral thesis on developmental trauma, adult trauma and PTSD and the impact this has on mental health and substance abuse.
- He is a trained EMDR therapist, specialising in the intervention for chronic and acute trauma and grief reactions.

THERAPEUTIC EXPERTISE

- He has undertaken post-doctoral training across a broad range of psychological models including Systemic (family) therapy, psychodynamic psychotherapy, cognitive-behavioural therapy, and EMDR.
- He has undertaken group and individual psychotherapy to address offending behaviour, substance misuse problems, psychotic illnesses and personality disorder with mentally disordered offenders and sex offenders.
- He specialises in working with individuals and parents with complex PTSD and dissociative disorders, self-harm and severe personality disorders.
- He offers psychological interventions across the spectrum of mental health and behavioural problems for adolescents and adults.
- He works therapeutically with couples and families, specialising in working with high-conflict post-separation families.
- EMDR therapist specialising in acute adult trauma, developmental trauma and abuse in adults.

WORK HISTORY

2000-Pres Independent Expert Witness.

2011-Pres Independent consultant specialising in therapeutic interventions with adults, teenagers and families.

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- 2011-13 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation.
- 2007-Pres Clinical Director of Psychology Experts managing and supervising over 300 expert witness Psychologists and Psychiatrists.
- 2002-06 Principal Clinical Psychologist, Cane Hill Forensic Mental Health Services, South London & Maudsley NHS
- 2000-02 Clinical Psychologist, Ashen Hill Specialist Secure Services, East Sussex County Healthcare NHS
- 1997-00 Psychologist in Training, Cardiff Community HealthCare NHS Trust
- 1996-97 Psychology Assistant, Community Forensic Team, St Anne's Hospital, Dorset
- 1994-95 Research Assistant, Child and Adolescent Psychology Unit, CHRU, Grenoble, France

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2011-13 Diploma in Applied Systemic (Family) Therapy, Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust
- 2002-05 Diploma in Forensic Psychotherapy, Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust
- 1997-00 Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D.Clin.Psych), University of Wales, Cardiff
- 1992-96 B.Sc. Psychology with French: 1st class combined honours, Goldsmiths' College, University of London

SPECIALIST TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2025 Story Stem Assessment Protocol Training, Anna Freud Centre
- 2024 Family Ties: Therapeutic assessment and treatment of high conflict separated parents and their children. Eia Asen and Emma Morris, Anna Freud Centre
- 2022-23 Bond Solon Expert Witness Training Update (Report Writing and Courtroom Skills)
- 2016-17 EMDR Training (Part 1 and 2) with Dr Richman
- 2013-16 Adult Attachment Interview DMM Training, Rebecca Carr-Hopkins, Pr Crittenden
- 2012 Attachment and Psychopathology, Pr Crittenden, Tavistock NHS Trust
- 2011 Childhood Disorders and Neurodevelopment and Intervention, UCL
- 2011-12 CARE-Index Parent-Child Video Assessment Training, Elaine Thompson, CfED
- 2008-09 Parents with Personality Disorders, Dr McClean and Ms Daum, Anna Freud Centre
- 2007-08 Training in the Parental Development Inventory, Michelle Slead, Anna Freud Centre
- 2006 Parenting Assessment Manual (PAM) Training for learning disabled parents, Dr Sue McGaw

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- 2004 International Personality Disorder Examination (IPDE), Pr Connor Duggan
2003 Risk Assessment Training, Violence and Sexual Violence, Pr Stephen Hart
2003 Reasoning and Rehabilitation Offender Programmes, Pr Ross
2002 Assessment of Psychopathic Personality Disorder (PCL-R), Pr Robert Hare
2001 Sex Offender Assessment Programme Training, Dr Richard Becket

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Presentation of the Family Court Protocol to the International Association for the Study of Attachment, Miami, USA.
- Derry, A.D. (2008) The clinical response to substance use problems in forensic mental health services. *British Journal of Forensic Practice*. **10(3)**, 20-23.
- Derry, A., & Batson, A. (2008) Getting out and staying out: Does substance use treatment have an effect on outcome of mentally disordered offenders after discharge from medium secure service? *British Journal of Forensic Practice*. Volume 10(2), pp 13-17.
- September 2006, Presentation to the North London Forensic Service 9th International Conference. Treating the Untreatable: Substance Use Treatment Programmes and Service Strategy in Forensic Mental Health.
- January 2006 Presentation to the South London and Maudsley Forensic Mental Health Conference. Substance use treatment outcomes.
- Derry, A.D. (2005) The Drug and Alcohol Treatment Programme for Mentally Disordered Offenders: Treatment Manual and Patient Handbook. *Unpublished Document*.
- Derry, A.D. (2000) An Examination of the Relationship between Trauma, PTSD, Coping and Attributional Styles in Substance Users. *Thesis Document*. University of Cardiff.
- Derry, A.D. (2000) Substance Use in Older Adults: A review of current assessment, treatment and service provision. *Journal of Substance Use*. **5(3)**, 252-262.