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Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist



Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL24380**
British Psychological Society Membership: **330274**

Dr Vikki Hunkin is a HCPC registered Clinical Psychologist, an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (BPS), Full Member of the BPS Division of Neuropsychology and listed on the Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists (SRCN). She has specialist, post-qualification training in cognitive and neuropsychological assessment of adults; the Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology (QiCN). This is the highest level of qualification in the Clinical Neuropsychology specialism. She also holds the Civil Expert Witness certificate through Cardiff University's Law School and Bond Solon.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Dr Hunkin has more than 15 years post-qualification experience in Clinical Neuropsychology, having worked as a Clinical Neuropsychologist in both the NHS and in independent and medicolegal practice. She is an expert in assessing psychological wellbeing in individuals with problems in their cognitive abilities, emotional functioning, and behavioural problems due to a neurological illness or injury. The main focus of her work has been assessment of psychological wellbeing in individuals with a range of neurological illnesses and injuries. She has extensive experience in assessing a wide range of clinical problems, including learning/developmental disability and difficulties, acquired brain injury, stroke, dementia, chronic neurological illness such as epilepsy, and psychiatric conditions which present with memory problems. As such her experience in psychological, cognitive and neuropsychological assessment is wide-ranging and comprehensive.

EXPERIENCE

Dr Hunkin has been providing medicolegal assessment reports to the Family Courts, Civil Courts, Criminal Courts and to the Parole Board since 2017. She completes around 50 reports each year, regularly provides reports for the Courts, including cognitive assessments, mental capacity assessments and full neuropsychological assessments:

- Psychological assessment to identify any psychological difficulties and/or mental health diagnosis, recommend treatment, and provide a prognosis.
- Full neuropsychological assessment – assessment of the impact of neurological injury or illness on cognition, emotional well-being, and behaviour; opinion on severity of injury and prognosis; and expert guidance on the management and treatment of neuropsychological problems.
- Cognitive assessment – including overall IQ as well as a profile of strengths and weaknesses in verbal functions, non-verbal functions, processing speed, memory and executive functioning skills.
- Mental capacity assessment – whether an individual is able to make choices for themselves. This can include decisions such as those needed to litigate, make a will, decide on whether or not to accept medical care and treatment, financial decisions, and fitness to plead and stand trial. All assessments are undertaken in accordance with the Mental Capacity Act (2005).

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QUALIFICATIONS

2003	BA (Hons) Experimental Psychology	University of Oxford
2009	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology	University of Plymouth
2011	Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Neuropsychology	University of Bristol
2015	Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology (adult)	British Psychological Society
2021	Civil Expert Witness Certificate	Cardiff University's Law School / Bond Solon

WORK HISTORY

2017 - Present	Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist – independent and medicolegal practice.
2021 – Present	Examiner in Clinical Neuropsychology, Canterbury Christchurch University
2009 – Present	Associate Editor, Europe's Journal of Psychology
2017 - 2024	Trustee – Headway Cornwall.
2021 – 2023	Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, Torbay and South Devon NHS Trust (Locum)
2009 – 2018	Clinical Neuropsychologist – Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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