



## Dr Fanny Black

BSc. (Hons.) MSc. ForenPsyD. HCPC.

### Forensic Psychologist



Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL34519**

Dr Black is a HCPC registered Senior Forensic Psychologist currently running an established private practice. As an independent expert, Dr Black prepares around 50 reports per year for the Family and Criminal Courts.

Dr Black holds the post of Honorary Lecturer in the Psychology Department at Kings College London and the Institute of Psychiatry in London, where she teaches and mentors trainee psychologists. Dr Black was previously appointed as Senior Forensic Psychologist in Forensic Services of the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, and has held specialist roles across various settings including liaison psychiatry, prison, secure hospital, adult acute and secure CAMHS services. Dr Black has several years' experience assessing and treating mentally disordered offenders, as well as assessing and treating sex offenders with and without formal mental disorder. Dr Black further has several years' experience in the assessment and treatment of individuals who have suffered extreme trauma, and conducts assessments in matters of asylum.

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Severe Mental Health problems and Personality Disorder
- PTSD / Self-Harm, and emotion dysregulation
- Suggestibility and Testimony
- Cognitive Assessments
- Sexual Risk
- Violence risk, including domestic violence
- Fire Setting
- Mental Capacity Act Assessments
- Substance Misuse

#### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2016 Doctor of Psychology in Forensic Psychology, (ForenPsyD), University of Birmingham
- 2011 Masters of Science, Psychoanalytic Developmental Psychology, University College London
- 2010 Bachelor of Science, Psychology, City University London

#### WORK HISTORY

##### 2019 – Present Private Practice, Cogito Forensis Ltd

- Forensic psychological assessment and opinions in criminal and civil proceedings

##### 2020 – Present Honorary Lecturer, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neurosciences

- Doctoral students teaching and mentorship, Clinical Psychology training

##### 2019 – 2021 Senior Psychologist, Lewisham Community Forensic team

- Community-based assessment and treatment of mentally disordered offenders with a wide variety and severity of disorders and offending behaviours
- Supervision/Line Management of junior colleagues

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- Reflective practice
- Responsible for the development of audits and evaluation projects

**2019 – 2019      Lead Psychologist, Liaison Psychiatry, University Hospital Lewisham**

- Rapid assessment and brief interventions to patients presenting to the Emergency Department experiencing a mental health crisis
- Focus on the most high risk and complex patients – support the multidisciplinary team with case formulation and care planning
- Reflective practice

**2016 – 2019      Forensic Psychologist, River House MSU**

- Assessments (Risk: violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, fire setting; Personality; Cognitive)
- Individual therapy (trauma-focused, Index Offence work, Substance Misuse, Mood Disorders, ...)
- Group therapy (substance misuse, emotion regulation, mindfulness, anger management)
- Supervision of junior staff from various disciplines in the delivery of psychological assessment and treatment
- Responsible for the development of audits and evaluation projects

**2015 – 16      Acting Forensic Psychologist, HMP Wandsworth**

- Psychological assessments, risk management , treatment and formulation of mentally disordered offenders
- Supervision of junior staff from various disciplines in the delivery of psychological assessment and treatment
- Reflective practice facilitator and Consultation with multi-professional groups
- Training provision (Personality Disorder, Gang membership, Self-harm)
- Responsible for the development of audits and evaluation projects

**2013 – 15      Trainee Forensic Psychologist, Bethlem Royal Hospital**

- Assessments (Risk: violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, fire setting; Personality; Cognitive)
- Individual therapy (trauma-focused, Index Offence work, Substance Misuse, Mood Disorders, ...)
- Group therapy
- Responsible for the development of audits and evaluation projects

**2012 – 13      Assistant Psychologist, Bethlem Royal Hospital**

- Therapies Department, River House Medium Secure, Bethlem Royal Hospital
- Risk Assessment: HCR-20
- Assessment: suitability for inpatient treatment
- Individual therapy: DBT-based, CBT-based, anger management
- Psycho-educational groups: Managing Mental Health, Substance Awareness, HCR-20 and Recovery
- Supervision: Biweekly clinical supervision
- Research: outcome measures

**2012 – 12      Psychosocial Therapist, Bethlem Royal Hospital**

**2011 – 12      Clinical Support Worker, Bethlem Royal Hospital**

**2010 – 12      Honorary Assistant Clinical Psychologist, CHU Brugmann UVC (Brussels)**

### **SPECIALIST TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

<b>2019</b>	ICD-11 Complex PTSD: Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment
<b>2016</b>	HCR-20v3 Risk Assessment
<b>2016</b>	Comprehensive Assessment of Psychopathic Personality
<b>2015</b>	Working with Fire Setters
<b>2014</b>	International Personality Disorder Evaluation
<b>2014</b>	Neurocognitive Assessment Workshop

### **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Black, F. & Bishopp, D. (in preparation). The continuum of sexual offending: Discriminating sexual murderers and sexual offenders.
- Poster presentation & Abstract publication – Research in Forensic Mental Health Services, Institute of Psychiatry, London. Black, F. (2015). Are Firesetters different from other offenders? A systematic review of firesetters' psychological characteristics relative to other offenders.
- West London NHS Trust, Internal publication. Pretorius, I. & Chatel, F. (2011). "Audit and evaluation of the Child Psychotherapy Outreach Project at the Randolph Beresford early years centre ". West London Mental Health NHS Trust.
- Presentation of MSc Thesis, CAFS Team, West London NHS Trust
- Chatel, F. & Pretorius, I. (2012). "Changing parental perceptions of their child and its impact on the psychotherapy process". Presentation at the CAFS (Child, Adolescent and Family Services) West London NHS Trust (2012).
- Poster presentation at the Experimental Psychology Meeting, UCL, London
- Tretyak, V., Chatel, F., and Yarrow, K. "Response speeding via trial-to-trial persistence of motor plans in dorsal pre-motor cortex." Poster presented as part of the Experimental Psychology Meeting, London, 06th January 2010.