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Dr Elliott is a HCPC and BPS registered Doctor of Forensic Psychology with an interest and expertise in the assessment and management of high-risk offenders both in custody and in the community. Dr Elliott has gained a significant range of experience practicing in a variety of settings, including secure units, police stations, private practices, courts and prisons. This has afforded Dr Elliott the opportunity to work with a wide range of professional services, to serve clients from a variety of backgrounds and cultures with diverse clinical presentations. She is familiar with a range of forensic assessment tools, including those with a focus on psychopathology, sexual and violent risk, stalking, personality and psychopathy, sexual deviance, counterterrorism, child abuse, malingering and cognitive functioning.

Dr Elliott's experiences have enabled her to acquire an advanced ability to build rapport and retrieve and weigh information provided during clinical interview. Clearly, being able to engage with clients in such a fashion that one can gain an accurate picture of their beliefs, understandings and motivations is essential if one is to manage and understand risk effectively. This is also important for building and sustaining an open and trusting therapeutic relationship that will enable the client to develop in an adaptive fashion. Dr. Elliott is a visiting lecturer in Forensic Psychology at a number of academic institutions across the UK.

### **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

2021	Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate in Criminal Law, Cardiff University
2017	Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology, The University of Nottingham
2015	BA Psychology, University of Sheffield

### **WORK HISTORY**

#### **2020 – Present Expert Witness in private practice**

- Currently working as an expert witness for the Criminal and Family Courts across England and Wales with a particular interest in the risk assessment of sexual offenders.

#### **2020 – Present Highly Specialised Clinical Forensic Psychologist, Shaftsbury Clinic, Springfield Hospital**

- Completing specialist psychological assessments of clients receiving inpatient care in across four forensic wards
- Formulating and implementing plans for the formal psychological treatment and management of client's mental health problems and risk behaviours.
- Implementing a range of psychological interventions for individuals and groups
- Providing specialist psychological advice, guidance and consultation to other professionals across the Trust and our partnership agencies
- Practicing as a senior clinician working in the Sexual Behaviour Service for the Trust
- Providing professional and clinical supervision of trainee and assistant psychologists
- Advising on both service and professional management on psychological and clinical aspects of the service

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- Coordinator of the Psychopathy & PCL-R Working Group for South West London St George's Trust
- Coordinator of the Mental Disorder & Terrorism Working Group

**2018 – 20     **Doctor of Forensic Psychology - Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service****

- Testifying as an Expert Witness at Parole Board Hearings
- Completing cognitive and forensic risk assessments using a range of psychometric measures
- Delivering consultancy to MAPPA, The National Probation Service and Segregation Units across London
- Advising Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPPs) Panels on steps for sentence progression
- Delivering therapeutic interventions to offenders with complex mental health needs
- Working in partnership with the Joint Extremism Unit (JEXU) conducting specialist risk assessments for offenders convicted under The Terrorism Act (2000)
- Deployed as a hostage negotiation advisor to critical incidents across the prison estate (London)
- Complex case formulation
- Attendance on Multi Agency (Lifer) Risk Assessment Panels (MALRAP)
- Completing personality profiles for high-risk offenders to inform risk management and treatment
- Supervising trainee psychologists
- Prison Safety and Violence Reduction Lead

**2015 – 18     **Forensic Psychologist in Doctoral Training at Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service Together Liaison and Diversion Service****

- Recommendation on fitness to plead and competency to stand trial
- Delivering oral and written risk assessments in a highly pressured and fast paced court environment
- Advising the court on malingering and diversion under the Mental Health Act
- Delivering training and consultation to Judges / Magistrates, Legal Advisors and the National Probation Service
- Completing complex clinical case formulations
- Conducting over 400 clinical forensic interviews
- Supervising mental health nurses with the Liaison and Diversion service

**2014 – 15     **Forensic Psychologist in Doctoral Training - The Bamburgh Clinic NHS Medium Secure Unit at St Nicholas Hospital****

- Practicing as part of a multidisciplinary team (MDT) across four wards to provide psychological support and treatment to patients with significant forensic histories and complex mental health needs
- Clinical formulations and care planning
- Prison assessments for transfer under Section 47/49 and 48/49 of The Mental Health Act
- Completion of discharge assessments for transfer into the community

**2013 – 14     **Forensic Psychologist in Doctoral Training - Forensic Psychological Services****

- Assessing and managing a caseload of suspects/offenders on bail or post sentence in the community

- Conducting detailed forensic risk assessments and cognitive assessments following clinical interview
- Some experience in the assessment of parental capacity, interrogative suggestibility and psychological fitness for offenders facing trial

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

- Assessment of Psychopathology/Mental health assessments
- Violence and Sexual Violence Risk Assessment and Management
- Capacity to protect in Non-offending Parents
- Assessment of Terrorist Related Offences
- Personality Disorder
- Malingering
- Cognitive Assessment
- Violence
- Sexual Offending
- Compassion Focused Therapy
- Schema Therapy
- Supervision Skills

#### **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Elliott, & Vollm, B. (2018). The Utility of Post-Conviction Polygraph Testing Among Sexual Offenders. *Sexual Abuse*, 30, 367-392.
- Elliott, Egan, V., & Grubin, D. (2017). A Not So Bogus Pipeline: A Study of the Bogus Pipeline Effect and Its Implications for Polygraph Testing. *Polygraph*, 46, 1-9.

#### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Expert Witness: Choosing, using and presenting psychometrics in court, British Psychological Society (21.06.2021)
- Incels, extremism and risk of violence towards women, The Forensic Psychiatry Institute 29.04.2021
- Child murder by parents, The Forensic Psychiatry Institute 08.04.2021
- Best Practices in the Assessment and Diagnosis of Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder (CSBD) The Forensic Psychiatry Institute, 18.03.2021
- Serious violence and its relationship with adverse childhood experiences, Youth Justice Board 15.06.2021
- Stalking & Harassment within an Ex-Partner Context, Centre for Action Against Stalking at the University of the West of Scotland 16.06.2021
- Individuals who have Sexually Offended with Neurodevelopmental Disorders Elysium Healthcare 07.06.2021

- Working With Domestic Abuse: Learning From Domestic Homicide Reviews, The University of Bedfordshire 09.04.2021
- Tackling County Lines Conference, National Crime Agency 09.04.2021
- Pharmacological treatment of men with paraphilic and paraphilia-related disorders who pose a risk of sexual offending, Swinburne University Centre for Forensic Psychology 08.04.2021
- Averting Targeted School Violence and School Shootings National Threat Assessment Centre 31.03.2021
- Practical Guidance for Practitioners Representing Victims of Modern Slavery, Garden Court Chambers 24.03.2021
- Parental Alienation in the Family Courts, Brunel University London 08.01.2021
- Criminal Law and Procedure, Bond Solon 10-11.12.12.2020
- Excellence in Report Writing, Bond Solon 07.12.2020
- Working with and assessing complex PTSD, South West London St George's Trust 24.11.2020
- Assessing Sexually Harmful Behaviour in Young People, Nottingham Trent University 22.06.2021
- Understanding Extremism with a Mixed or Unclear Ideology, Janes, 10.02.2021