



## **Dr Craig Smith Consultant Psychiatrist**

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Dr Smith works as a half time consultant psychiatrist employed by Lancashire Care Foundation NHS Trust (LCFT). He has been employed within the same department since May 1999. Currently he provides Consultant support for The Lancaster Community Mental Health Team (CMHT). He is the Responsible Clinician looking after these patients when they are admitted to The Orchard which is the psychiatric hospital for Lancaster and the environs. He also supervises a speciality doctor who looks after his CMHT's community patients and those patients referred to Single Point of Access.

Dr Smith has over 15 years' experience of providing medico-legal psychiatric reports. During this period, he has experience of providing reports for different parties including those relating to defendants/defence, those relating to plaintiff/prosecution and reports commissioned jointly by both sides. He has experience of presenting reports to the court and of being cross examined in court and this experience relates to medico legal matters pertaining to Civil, Personal Injury, Family and Criminal Proceedings. He also has experience in providing reports in relation to proceedings before the First Tier Tribunal (Mental Health Act).

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

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- Personal Injury
- Mental Health Act
- Family And Criminal Proceedings
- Revalidation
- College Tutor
- Community Base

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

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2014 - 2018: Associate Medical Director within the Adult Network of LCFT  
1999 - present: Consultant psychiatrist, Lancashire Care Foundation NHS Trust (LCFT).  
5 years: College Tutor  
2 years: Local Negotiating Committee.

### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

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1988: GMC registered.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

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In March 2014, I was appointed to the role of Associate Medical Director within the Adult Network of LCFT. In this role I was the Medical Manager for community-based Consultant Psychiatrists and the Medical Lead for several projects, most recently as

Medical Lead for an ongoing redesign of adult community services. I stepped down from this role in July 2018.

I am an Appraiser for the Trust (an Appraiser reviews the progress of other doctors annually to ensure they are maintaining GMC standards and other aspects of Good Medical Practice) and the Appraiser Representative on our Revalidation Steering Group. I am the Line Manager and Educational Supervisor for one trainee doctor. I have a particular interest in training issues; through my personal development (PDP) I keep up to date and take my Educational Supervisor role seriously. My most enjoyable training interest is in relation to teaching interview skills and this is an area I have research interest and experience.

Previously I have occupied the role of College Tutor (for 5 years) and as such have experience with teaching and training issues and management of a group of trainees. I occupied the position of the chair of our Local Negotiating Committee (LNC) for 2 years and have experience in Industrial Relations Issues and experience of involvement with the British Medical Association (BMA) and their Industrial Relations Officers (IROs). I am the holder of Clinical Excellence Awards awarded to me by the Trust for these and other activities.

## MEDICO-LEGAL WORK

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My medico-legal work is very important to me. It provides me with a range of fascinating and challenging work which complements my NHS work and maintains and stimulates my interest in psychiatry. It is an important drive in my personal development and for several years I have modified my Personal Development Plan to include training and development of skills relating to writing and presenting psychiatric reports.

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Similarly I have experience of providing reports for other organisations such as War Pensions Agency, Criminal Injury Board and a variety of Occupational (health and industrial) related reports.

I understand the protocols for instructions of experts and understand the formal importance of my role and structures of reports in respect of statements of truth, duties and independence. I have access to use consulting rooms in Blackpool and Lancaster and am willing to see people in their own homes if it is safe and appropriate to do so. Currently I am seeing the majority of clients by video meeting.