

## Dr Giulia Bellesi

BSc, MSc, PhD, DclinPsy, SRCN

### Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist



Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL36297**

Dr Giulia Bellesi is a Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). She is a Chartered Member of the British Psychological Society (BPS), a full member of the Division of Clinical Neuropsychology, and listed on the UK Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists (SRCN), recognised as the gold standard for neuropsychology practice in the UK.

Dr Bellesi's clinical expertise centres on working with individuals with traumatic and other forms of acquired brain injury, as well as a wide range of neurological conditions including epilepsy, brain tumours, multiple sclerosis, encephalitis, and various forms of dementia. She provides specialist neuropsychological assessment using a broad range of psychometric tools, to evaluate the effects of neurological illness on cognitive functioning and emotional wellbeing, support diagnosis, monitor change, and/or inform care planning. Additionally, she provides evidence-based neurorehabilitation and psychotherapeutic interventions, delivered one-on-one or as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Dr Bellesi has worked across various inpatient, outpatient, and community neuropsychology services within both the NHS and independent sector. Between 2018 and 2024, she was employed at King's College Hospital London, working across specialist neuropsychology and neurorehabilitation settings. From 2024 to early 2026, she practised as a Consultant at Cleveland Clinic London, where she helped establishing an outpatient neuropsychology clinic providing diagnostic neuropsychological assessments and interventions. Alongside her appointments, since 2019, she has also run an independent practice, working with both litigating and non-litigating clients in the community, including undertaking medico-legal neuropsychological assessments and expert witness work. She now practises exclusively on an independent basis.

Dr Bellesi has a particular interest in mental capacity, and since 2020, she has been a Special Medical Visitor to the Office of the Public Guardian and the Court of Protection, regularly conducting independent mental capacity assessments to support them in their roles, and completing 20-30 assessments per year for them. Additionally, since May 2026, Dr Bellesi is a member of the BPS Mental Capacity Advisory Group.

She maintains regular supervision and ongoing continuing professional development in accordance with HCPC and BPS standards of practice and has completed Bond Solon training on expert witness report writing.

Alongside her clinical practice, Dr Bellesi regularly lectures on neuropsychology-related topics and has published peer-reviewed articles focusing on brain injury, cognitive impairment, and their impact on behaviour and everyday functioning.

She maintains active involvement in research, including for instance current participation in a standardisation and norming study for newly developed neuropsychological assessment measures.

#### AREAS OF SPECIALISM

- Neuropsychology
- Neuropsychological Assessment
- Brain Injury
- Neurological conditions

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**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2019 – 2025 Clinical Neuropsychology MSc**  
*University of Bristol*
- 2015 – 2018 Clinical Psychology Doctorate (DClinPsy)**  
*Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Neuroscience, King's College London*
- 2012 – 2015 PhD**  
*Department of Experimental Psychology, University College London*  
Thesis title: "Everyday Social Functioning in Autism Spectrum Disorder")
- 2008 – 2011 BSc Psychology, 1st Class Hons**  
*Department of Experimental Psychology, University College London*
- 2003 – 2008 High School Diploma (Diploma di Maturità Scientifica), 100/100**  
*Liceo Scientifico F. Enriques, Livorno, Italy*

**WORK HISTORY**

- 2019 – Present Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist**  
*Private practice*
- 2020 – Present Special Medical Visitor**  
*Office of Public Guardian and Court of Protection*
- 2024 – 2026 Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist**  
*Cleveland Clinic London*
- 2021 – 2024 Principal Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (Band 8b)**  
*Acute and Hyperacute Stroke units, Princess Royal University Hospital*
- 2020 2021 Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (Band 8a)**  
*Friends' Stroke Unit and Outpatient Stroke Clinical Neuropsychology Clinic, King's College Hospital*
- 2018 – 2020 Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (Band 8a)**  
*Frank Cooksey Rehabilitation Unit, Orpington Hospital*
- 2015 – 2018 Clinical Psychologist**  
*Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Neuroscience, King's College London*  
  
Clinical placements undertaken during training: Lambeth Talking Therapies (IAPT); Croydon CAMHS; Croydon Memory Service; Clinical Neuropsychology department, Frank Cooksey Rehabilitation Unit, Orpington Hospital; Clinical Neuropsychology department (diagnostics division), King's College Hospital; Tics and Neurodevelopmental Movements (TANDeM) service, Evelina Hospital
- 2011 – 2012 Assistant Psychologist**  
  
Experience gained at: Kingston CAMHS; Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability; Specialist Tourette's Clinic, St George's Hospital
- 2011 – 2012 Research Assistant**  
*Department of Experimental Psychology, University College London*
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## SPECIALIST TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Professional Memberships

- BPS Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists (SRCN)
- British Psychological Society (chartered status) and Division of Neuropsychology
- Expert Witness Institute ('Affiliate' member)
- HCPC registered (PYL36297)

### Training

- 2025** 'Excellence in Report Writing' training day, delivered by Bond Solon
- 2020 – Ongoing** Attendance of the annual Court of Protection Special Visitors conference/training day
- 2017** Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy Programme for IoPPN DCLinPsy trainees
- 2013** 13th Annual Course in Neuroradiology and Functional Neuroanatomy (UCL)

### Additional Information

- I am currently collaborating on a freelance basis with the Pearson UK research team on validation and norming studies for two novel neuropsychological assessment batteries
- I am bilingual (Italian and English) and have experience working with interpreters
- Enhanced DBS clearance
- Clean driver's license.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Ford, C.E.L., Thorogood, B., Kontou, E., **Bellesi, G.**, Griffiths, M., & Green, S. (2024). "Emotionally, there is no such thing as a minor stroke". Neuropsychological support after stroke at the UK Stroke Forum 2023. *The Neuropsychologist*, 17, 4-6.
- Brown, L., Fish, J., Mograbi, D., **Bellesi, G.**, Ashkan, K., Morris, R. (2021). Awareness of deficit following traumatic brain injury: a systematic review of current methods of assessment. *Neuropsychological Rehabilitation*, 31, 154-188.
- **Bellesi, G.**, Jeraj, S., Manley, J., Tekes, S., Basit, H., & McNulty, N. (2020). Why do Black Caribbean women benefit less from talking therapies? A pilot study in an inner London IAPT service. *Clinical Psychology Forum*, 326, 24-29.
- Jameel, L., Vyas, K., **Bellesi, G.**, Crawford, S., & Channon, S. (2019). Thinking about other's mistakes: contrasting patterns of performance in groups high or low in autistic or psychopathic traits. *Cognitive Neuropsychiatry*, 24, 369-385.
- **Bellesi, G.**, Barker, E., Brown, L., & Valmaggia, L. (2019). Paediatric traumatic brain injury and antisocial behaviour: are they linked? A systematic review. *Brain Injury*, 33, 1272-1292.
- **Bellesi, G.** & Morris, R. (2018). Using smartphone apps for neuropsychological rehabilitation and the creation of an 'apps' hub. *The Neuropsychologist*, 6, 31-38.
- **Bellesi, G.**, Vyas, K., Jameel, L., & Channon, S. (2018). Moral Reasoning in Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorder*, 52, 1-11.
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- Jameel, L., Vyas, K., **Bellesi, G.**, Channon, S. (2015). Great expectations: the role of rules in guiding prosocial behaviour in groups with high versus low autistic traits. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 45, 2111-2322.

- Jameel, L., Vyas, K., **Bellesi, G.**, Roberts, V., & Channon, S. (2014). Going 'Above and Beyond': are those high in autistic traits less pro-social? *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, *44*, 1846–1858