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Dr Andy Siddaway particularly specialises in the areas of trauma and risk. He has worked in a range of NHS mental health services for over 12 years, including specialist psychological trauma services for the past 7 years. He works with children, adolescents, and adults and currently split my week between NHS clinical practice, expert witness assessments, conducting and supervising research, and some private psychological therapy.

Dr Siddaway has a professional doctorate in Clinical Psychology and a Psychology PhD that focused on the measurement and assessment of suicide and self-harm. His doctorates and extensive clinical experience and training mean that he brings a depth and breadth of knowledge of psychological science and evidence-based practice to expert witness work. Most of his expert work is in the area of family law, although he also works on personal injury, clinical negligence, and immigration cases.

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERTISE

- **Psychological problems related to trauma and adversity** (eg, trauma; adverse childhood experiences; neglect; abuse; domestic abuse; bereavement; human trafficking; injuries, accidents; immigration; chronic medical conditions)
- **Parenting competence, family functioning, and risk to children** (eg, in care proceedings and contact arrangements; parental alienation; ability to make and sustain changes)
- **Diagnosis** of psychiatric disorders and personality disorders using gold standard semi-structured diagnostic interviews
- Theory and evidence-based **risk assessment and management in children, adolescents, and adults** (eg, suicide attempts, non-suicidal self-injury/self-harm, sexual recidivism, harmful sexual behaviour, domestic abuse, intimate partner violence), including capacity and motivation to change, protective factors, and recommendations for management/treatment
- **Neuropsychological assessment** (eg, assessment of learning disability)
- **Assessment of mental capacity and ability to give evidence and testify in Court**
- **Assessment of malingering/feigning**
- **Psychological formulations** of problems and suitability for psychological treatment

FAMILY LAW EXPERTISE

- Specialist training and experience across all aspects of parental capacity and risk including neglect, emotional harm, violence, domestic violence, sexual violence and abuse.

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- Highly specialised assessment and treatment for trauma-related and other psychological problems in children, adolescents, and adults.
- Highly specialised direct and indirect psychological assessment and interventions for traumatically bereaved children, adolescents, and families.
- Assessment of parenting and child and parent attachment.
- Risk assessment and management for suicide, non-suicidal self-injury (self-harm), and other self-defeating behaviours.

CIVIL LAW EXPERTISE

- Psychological problems related to trauma and stressful life events (e.g. adverse childhood experiences, neglect, abuse, domestic abuse and violence, bereavement, human trafficking, injuries and accidents, immigration and chronic medical conditions).
- He has worked for the civil courts undertaking assessments of the impact of personal injury, the psychological effect of medical negligence and work-related difficulties.
- Highly specialised assessment and interventions for trauma-related psychological problems in a range of adult populations (e.g. homeless people, asylum seekers, major incidents, victims of sexual assault).

WORK HISTORY

2023 – Present Consultant Clinical Psychologist (NHS Lanarkshire: Psychology Research Lead)

- Senior strategic and clinical leadership role providing leadership and management to drive forward a step-change in how NHS Lanarkshire clinicians conduct research: aiming to increase research interest, confidence, competence, engagement, and outputs.

2017 - Present Chartered Clinical Psychologist, Independent and Expert Witness

- Highly specialised assessment and treatment of a broad range of psychological problems in children, adolescents, and adults.
- Expert witness assessments (see areas covered above).

2022 – 23 Consultant Clinical Psychologist (NHS Lanarkshire): Veterans mental health service

- Led the operational management, strategic development, and long-term planning of the service, managing and supervising psychology and non-psychology staff.
- Highly specialised psychological assessment, interventions, and consultation, and training.

2021 – 22 Principal Clinical Psychologist (NHS GG&C): Occupational Health Long-Covid Service

- Designed, delivered, and evaluated new Long-Covid service for NHS staff members.
- Embedded the new service within Occupational Health, Human Resources, and the organisation by liaising with relevant stakeholders and senior managers.
- Highly specialised psychological assessment, interventions, consultation, and training.

2016 - 21 Principal Clinical Psychologist, Adult Psychological Trauma Service

- Highly specialised assessment, formulation, and interventions for trauma-related psychological problems in a range of adult populations (e.g. homeless people; asylum seekers; people involved in major incidents; people who have experienced physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, neglect, violence, or torture; war veterans).
- Consultation and liaison with other professionals.

- Training and consultancy to other professionals on a range of trauma-related psychological problems and issues.

2014 – 16 Principal Clinical Psychologist, Adult in and outpatient rehabilitation

- Introduced and led a psychology service for adult amputees.
- Highly specialised direct and indirect psychological assessment and interventions.
- Consultation, training, and supervision to other professionals.

2012 – 13 Clinical Psychologist in Training, Child Bereavement Service

- Highly specialised direct and indirect psychological assessment and interventions for traumatically bereaved children, adolescents, and families.
- Consultation and training to other professionals.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2017	PhD in Clinical Psychology, University of Stirling
2013	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, University of Hertfordshire
2007	Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Open College, Birmingham
2004	B. Sc (Hons) Psychology, School of Psychology, University of Leicester

SPECIALIST TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2019	Competency based feedback and problem resolution in supervision
2018	Psychology Specialist Supervision Course, NHS Education for Scotland
2016	Introduction to CBT Supervision, Oxford Cognitive Therapy Centre
2015	General Supervision Competencies, NHS Education for Scotland
2015	Specialist Supervision Training in CBT, NHS Education for Scotland

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Dr Siddaway has published 17 on a range of clinical topics and supervised four Doctorate in Clinical Psychology students and two MSc students. He is regularly asked to peer-review for a range of journals. His trauma expertise was recognised by an appointment to the Editorial Advisory Board for the Journal of Traumatic Stress (2017-2022). Sample relevant publications include:

- Siddaway, A. P. (2020). Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) research: Commonalities with similar, arguably identical literatures and the need for integration. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, 217, 397-398.
- Kuppens, S., Moore, S. C., Gross, V., Lowthian, E., & Siddaway, A. P. (2019). The enduring effects of parental alcohol, tobacco, and drug use on child wellbeing: A multi-level meta-analysis. *Development and Psychopathology*, 5, 1-14.
- Siddaway, A. P., Wood, A. M., O'Carroll, R. E., & O'Connor, R. C. (2019). Characterizing self-injurious cognitions: Development and validation of the Suicide Attempt Beliefs Scale (SABS) and the Nonsuicidal Self-Injury Beliefs Scale (NSIBS). *Psychological Assessment*, 31, 592-608.
- Trickey, D., Siddaway, A. P., Meiser-Steadman, R., Serpell, L., & Field, A. P., (2012). A meta-analysis of risk factors for posttraumatic stress disorder in children and adolescents. *Clinical Psychology Review*, 32, 122-138.