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Dr O'Halloran has worked in the field of clinical psychology for over ten years and specialises in working with children and adults with mental health difficulties. She has vast experience within the field of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), other neurodevelopmental disorders such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and childhood and adult mental health difficulties.

She has also worked in adult mental health services, child and adolescent mental health services, specialist paediatric psychology services and looked after children teams within the NHS and county council. She also trained in the assessment and treatment of trauma in both children and adults

Dr O'Halloran has prepared more than 150 reports. These reports have covered the following areas:

- Assessment of cognitive functioning in children and adults
- Assessment of memory in children and adults
- Assessment of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Assessment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
- Assessment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Assessment of Mental Health, in adults, children and adolescents
- Risk assessments regarding deliberate self harm and suicide in children and adolescents
- Assessments for Family Court in child protection

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2013** Doctorate in Clinical Psychology - University of Leicester
- 2006** MSc Applied Neuropsychology (Pass) - University of Nottingham
- 2001** BSc (Hons) Human Psychology (2:1) De-Montfort University,

SPECIALIST TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2019** BPS expert witness training - level one
- 2018** Autism Diagnostic Interview - Revised (ADI - R)
- 2017** Introduction to Acceptance & Commitment Therapy Training
- 2017** EMDR (Level 2)
- 2015** EMDR (Level 1)
- 2015** Supervision in Applied Psychology Practice
- 2014** ADOS-2 training (autism diagnosis tool)

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WORK HISTORY

2019 – Present Chartered Clinical Psychologist - Expert Witness – Carter Brown

- Assessments of children, parents and carers in child protection cases
- Assessment of mental health, attachment, behaviour, cognitive functioning and social skills
- Attendance at court when required

2018 – Present Senior Clinical Psychologist – Northampton Psychology Practice and Autism Practice

- Assessment: Specialist skills in the assessment and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and learning disabilities, and their impact on an individual's functioning. Skilled in administration and reporting of intellectual/cognitive functioning assessments and assessment of capacity.
- Psychological assessment of trauma and mental health difficulties and their impact on an individual's functioning.
- Treatment/intervention: Trained in a range of psychological therapies for PTSD and trauma, OCD, anxiety, and depression, with experience of working therapeutically with both children and adults.

2014 – 18 Senior Clinical Psychologist, Paediatric Psychology Service - CAMHS, Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

- To provide specialist psychological assessment of clients based upon the appropriate use, interpretation and integration of complex psychological data from a variety of sources including psychological and neuropsychological assessment
- To formulate and implement plans for the psychological treatment and/or management of a client's psychological problems
- To provide highly specialist psychological advice, guidance and consultation to other professionals

2014 Specialist Clinician, Children's Social Services – Cambridgeshire County Council

- To provide early interventions to families who are at risk of coming under a child protection plan
- To provide interventions to families who are subject to a child protection plan
- To provide consultation to the social care team regarding psychological theory and therapy
- To conduct assessments of parenting capacity and assessments of both adult and child mental health

2013 – 14 Clinical Psychologist - Specialist Social and Communication Children's Service, Milton Keynes

- Working in an MDT to assess and diagnose children and adolescents
- Assessing children and young people regarding social communication difficulties and problems with social interaction
- Providing training to parents and other professionals regarding anxiety in children and young people with social communication disorders and difficulties
- Organising and running parent support groups

2012 – 13 Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Departments of Paediatric Psychology and Child Development – Northampton Healthcare Foundation Trust

- Carrying out initial assessments with children referred into the service
- Providing interventions to individual children and/or their families

- Running of a feeding clinic. This entails offering brief assessment and advice appointments to parents/carers of children aged 5 and under with feeding difficulties

2011 – 12 Trainee Clinical Psychologist - CAMHS, Northampton Healthcare Foundation Trust

- Conducting initial assessments with families and young people
- Carrying out cognitive assessments, such as WISC IV and WAIS III
- Providing interventions to young people, such as CBT and Child Centred Psychotherapy
- Working as a part of the Family Therapy Team
- Group based interventions, such as anxiety management and support for children with ADHD and their families

2010 – 11 Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Adult Community Mental Health Team – Northampton Healthcare Foundation Trust

- Conducting assessment of adults referred to the clinical psychology team
- Providing interventions to adult with severe and enduring mental health problems
- Carrying out cognitive assessments for suspected early onset dementia
- Presenting cases at Clinical Governance meetings for the purpose of auditing the service
- Working jointly with Clinical Psychologists in complex cases (where suicidal ideation and self-harm behaviours were high)

2008 – 10 Assistant Psychologist, Fostering & Adoption Psychology Service - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust

RESEARCH

- 'Talking about hearing voices - a Narrative Analysis of experience'- Doctoral thesis, University of Leicester, 2013
- 'Development of the ACE - R' (Addenbrooke's Cognitive Examination - Revised) - MSc thesis, Nottingham University, 2005