

Professor Peter Rankin
Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist

HCPC: PYL21170

I have prepared medico-legal reports for the courts since 2004. I retired from the NHS and academic in 2019 to conduct full-time medico-legal work. Previously I held various senior positions within the two sister organisations of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOSH) NHS Trust and UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health for over 20 years as Associate Professor, Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist, Senior Clinical Lecturer, Senior Research Fellow, and Director of the UK's Clinical Paediatric Neuropsychology Training Programme. I developed and directed the latter for almost 10 years and it remains the only course of its kind in Europe. It is the BPS national accredited programme for UK clinical and educational psychologists to become qualified as clinical paediatric neuropsychologists. Therefore, I have been at the forefront of developing and delivering the scientific syllabus required for UK child psychologists to understand children's brain injuries and subsequent cognitive, social and emotional development, and the evidence base for educational support and rehabilitation.

I have published numerous peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, been an invited speaker at international conferences and had my work described in the national press. Clinically, as well being an employee of GOSH, I have been employed by Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, and the national specialist 'Young Epilepsy' School and Further Education College. My clinical work has included: specialist diagnostic work developing novel functional neuroimaging paradigms to allow greater understanding of children's brain plasticity to guide neurosurgical procedures for complex epilepsies; diagnosing complex neurodevelopmental and social-communication disorders in national specialist multi-disciplinary teams; providing consultation on the long-term re-integration of children with brain injuries back into community and school settings as part of a multi-disciplinary Head Injury Rehabilitation Team; working within school classrooms and FE College to advise teachers, support staff and allied health professions on adapting educational provision and rehabilitation for children and young adults with neuropsychological impairments.

I have held a number of senior positions within the British Psychological Society (BPS) including being nationally elected by my peers to spend 6 years as: Chair Elect, Chair and Vice Chair of the Division of Neuropsychology. I have been instrumental in leading the profession to raise national professional standards and guiding parliamentary peers and policy makers in relation to peoples' neuropsychological needs following brain injury and neurodevelopmental disorders.

I am a member of the Ministry of Justice Medical Panel for Serious Injury and Warning Signs. In 2007 I was awarded Fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine. In 2016 I was awarded the UK's highest award in professional neuropsychology; the BPS Barbara Wilson Lifetime Achievement Award.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Paediatric Neuropsychology
- Neuroimaging

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- Neurodevelopmental and Social-Communication Disorders
 - Brain Injuries
 - Advising teachers and support staff on educational provisions and rehabilitation
 - Cognitive Development
 - Educational Support

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Hon. Associate Professor / Hon. Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust
Retired from NHS/University January 2020

Company Director
Cotton Exchange Chambers Ltd.
Current position

Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust
From December 2003 – July 2017 (0.4 wte)
Consultant Neuropsychologist for Europe's largest paediatric epilepsy surgery service.
Responsible for all neuropsychology and functional MRI assessments.

Director of the UK Paediatric Neuropsychology Training Programme / Hon. Associate Professor
University College London, Institute of Child Health
July 2007 - October 2016 (0.6 wte)

Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist
Young Epilepsy School & FE College (Formerly NCYPE)
January - June 2005. 0.6 WTE.

Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist
Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Trust
Head Injury Rehabilitation Team
November 2003 - December 2004. 06 WTE.

Senior Research Fellow
UCL Institute of Child Health / Great Ormond Street Hospital
Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience Unit
August 2000 - December 2002 FT.

Clinical Paediatric Neuropsychologist
Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Hospital Trust,
South Thames Regional Paediatric Neurosciences Centre
October 1997 - August 2000. FT.

Psychologist in Clinical Training
Mersey Regional Health Authority / University of Liverpool
October 1993 - September 1997. FT.

Assistant Psychologist.
Ashworth Maximum Security Special Hospital.

October 1993 - September 1994. FT.

**Research Assistant / Sessional Lecturer in Statistics for Psychology.
Liverpool John Moores University.**

October 1992 - May 1993. FT.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

MSc Neuroscience. September 2002. Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology, University College London.

Post-doctoral Diploma in Clinical Neuropsychology. December 1998. Institute of Psychiatry, King's College, London.

Doctorate of Clinical Psychology. September 1997. Department of Clinical Psychology, University of Liverpool.

BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology. June 1992. Centre for Psychology, Liverpool John Moores University.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Ministry of Justice Medical Panel for Serious Injury and Warning Signs
From June 2019

Chair of the British Psychological Society (BPS) Division of Neuropsychology (inc 1 term as Chair Elect and Vice Chair)
November 2010- November 2016

Member of BPS Presidential Taskforce: The Future of Applied Psychology Training in the Statutory Sector
July 2016- June 2018

Member of the BPS Professional Practice Board
December 2010- November 2015

Honorary Secretary of the BPS Division of Neuropsychology
November 2009- October 2010

Ordinary member of the BPS Division of Neuropsychology Executive Committee
December 2004- November 2009

Member of the BPS Central Admissions Committee
DoN rep from September 2004 -current

Member of the BPS Committee for Training in Clinical Neuropsychology
June 2008 – June 2018.

Member of the BPS Board of Examiners for Clinical Neuropsychology
April 2005- March 2008.

Member of original Steering group to develop the Association of Child Psychologists in Private Practice (AChiPPP)
June 2005- June 2007.

AWARDS AND OTHER HONOURS

Winner of the BPS Barbara Wilson Lifetime Achievement Award. 2016.

Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. 2007

Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC). Registered as a Clinical Psychologist.
Reg No PYL21170.

Member of the BPS Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists. Reg No.
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Full Member of the Division of Neuropsychology, BPS.

Full Member of the Division of Clinical Psychology, BPS.

Chartered Psychologist. British Psychological Society (BPS).

Regular Member of the International Neuropsychological Society.

Regular Member of the British Neuropsychological Society.