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Dr Raviraj is an independent consultant forensic psychiatrist based in Manchester. He is hospital medical director at Cygnet Hospital, Wyke, Yorkshire. He is a medical member of the First Tier Tribunal-Mental Health and a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (FRCPsych). He is an Approved Clinician (AC) under the terms of the amended 2007 Mental Health Act and approved under Section 12 (2) of the Mental Health Act 1983. He holds a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in Forensic Psychiatry and also a Master of Laws Degree (LLM) in Mental Health Law.

Dr Raviraj worked as a full time consultant at the Spinney for 5 years at Atherton. He specialises in assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of mentally disordered offenders with schizophrenia, personality disorder and substance misuse issues. He has unique clinical experience of working in high, medium, low secure and community forensic psychiatric Services, as well as working in various prisons across the North of England. He regularly provided reports to the local Criminal Courts on offenders with mental health issues.

In his first role as a NHS gatekeeper at Prestwich Hospital, he advised district psychiatric services, prisons, MAPPA, probation and Social Services, in the Greater Manchester area regarding the risk management of patients. He was the academic lead and co-ordinated medical student teaching and multidisciplinary teaching programme at the Edenfield Centre. He also taught Specialist Trainees in psychiatry at the Leeds and Manchester Universities. He was a trainer on the 'Approved Clinician' Course, Manchester, training senior psychiatrists and other professionals, organised by the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

He has published a Cochrane review and actively contributes to research in mental health. He is a member of Royal College Quality Network and has undertaken reviews of secure services in England. He was awarded LLM in Mental Health Law from Northumbria University in May 2010 on his dissertation, 'Murder by mentally ill - A review of the Defences of Insanity and Diminished Responsibility.' He has authored reports to the Crown, Magistrates and Family Courts. He has acted upon the instructions of CPS and the Defence teams.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- PTSD
- ADHD
- Schizophrenia
- Aspergers Syndrome
- Arson
- Sexual Offence
- Intoxication and Criminal Responsibility
- Psychoses

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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

March 2020 to date: Hospital Medical Director- Cygnet Wyke, Yorkshire
04May 2015 to 01 Dec2019: Consultant Psychiatrist, The Spinney, Atherton, Manchester
August 2009 - May 2015: Consultant Psychiatrist, The Edenfield Centre, Manchester

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

May 2010 - LLM (Mental Health Law) - University of Northumbria, UK
July 2009 - CCT (Forensic Psychiatry)
Autumn 2005 - MRCPsych, Royal college of Psychiatrist
23rd Feb 1998 - MB BS, University of Mysore, India

PUBLICATIONS

'Ayurvedic medicine for schizophrenia'-Agarwal V, Abhijnhan A, Raviraj P, published online by the Cochrane Library2008, Issue 2, by JohnWiley & Sons, Ltd. Full paper available at <http://www.thecochranelibrary>

Summary was published in Schizophrenia Bulletin - Ayurvedic Medicine for Schizophrenia, Schizophr Bull (2011) 37(2): 248-249, published February, 2011