

Mr Seshagiri Nimmagadda **Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist**

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As a Forensic Psychiatrist Mr Nimmagadda has the expertise in assessing the risk of harm to others. He regularly conducts assessments and gives his opinions to various Courts and Tribunals in this respect. He has been employed as a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist at Thornford Park Hospital for more than 6 and ½ years. Thornford Park provides care and treatment to mentally disordered patients in conditions of medium and low security. This hospital is a part of Priory group of hospitals. He holds RC (Responsible Clinician) responsibilities for 28 in-patients, most of whom have complex and chronic forensic psychiatric histories. He regularly furnishes reports to the Ministry of Justice on restricted patients, and has experience in carrying out psychiatric assessments in various secure settings including prisons, special hospitals, secure units and open settings.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Fitness To Plead
- Forensic Psychiatry Assessments
- Mental Health Law
- Diminished Responsibility
- Medical Law
- Huntington's Disease

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Present: Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Thornford Park Hospital

2006 - present: Trustee and an Elected member of the Council of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

2010 - present: Secretary for the Private and Independent Practice Special Interest Group

1998 - 2001: Basic Specialist Training in Psychiatry, East Riding Psychiatric Rotational Training Scheme – Hull and East Yorkshire

2001 - 2004: Higher Specialist Training in Forensic Psychiatry, West Midlands Specialist Registrar Training Scheme in Forensic Psychiatry

Past Positions Held at Regional and National Levels:

Member of Mental Health Law Sub-Committee of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (from October 2002 to September 2003)

Member of Forensic Psychiatry Executive Committee (from October 2002 to January 2004)

Member of Forensic Psychiatry Specialist Advisory Sub-Committee (from October 2003 to April 2004)

Member of Forensic Psychiatry and Social and Rehabilitation Psychiatry interface group from October 2002 to November 2004)

Served as a personal tutor for a group of 20 medical students (T group 35) from the University of Birmingham, from August 2002 to April 2003

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

MBBS - Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery - Andhra University; India.
MRCPsych - Member of Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK
FRCPsych - Fellow of Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK
DPM - Diploma in Psychological Medicine - Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.
MMedSc - Master of Medical Science in Clinical Psychiatry from the University of Leeds
CCT - Certificate of Completion of Training in Forensic Psychiatry - Included in the Specialist Register of the General Medical Council.
LL.M (Mental Health Law) - from the University of Northumbria, Newcastle.
MEWI - Elected as a Member of Expert Witness Institute.
Section 12(2) approved under the Mental Health Act 1983, by the Secretary of State as having expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.
Approved Clinician (AC) under the Mental Health Act 1983 (Amended)

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Royal College of Psychiatrists
Expert Witness Institute
Expert Witness Society
Medical Defence Union

MEDICO-LEGAL WORK

As a part of my higher specialist training in Forensic Psychiatry, I have acquired the requisite competencies in writing expert psychiatric reports to the Courts and in giving oral evidence. I regularly provide independent psychiatric reports to Criminal Courts, the Parole Board, Family Courts and Mental Health Review Tribunals. I have expertise in conducting mental capacity assessments as per the Mental Capacity Act -2005. I regularly give oral evidence before various Courts and Tribunals in England including on occasions in the Court of Appeal.

In the last ten years I have prepared more than 450 expert psychiatric reports to the Courts in criminal cases. Some of the cases involved complex issues such as application of defences such as 'McNaughten rules' and 'Diminished Responsibility'.

I prepared reports on more than 45 lifer cases to the Parole Board in the last 7 years. I give oral evidence before the Parole Board when required. In the last four years, I have been accepting family work on a more regular basis. I have furnished reports as a Single Joint Expert in 14 family cases. Risk assessment of violence towards others, Psychiatric aspects of 'Fitness to plead', Homicide, Physical Violence, Sexual offences and Arson are the areas of my special interest in relation to criminal matters. My name is listed (with vetting) in the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.