

Dr Sohom Das
Forensic Psychiatrist

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Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Dr Sohom Das has extensive experience in undertaking a range of medico-legal assessments and has authored in excess of 500 reports in his career. He regularly prepares high-quality reports for a variety of settings, including the Criminal and Civil Court. He is particularly interested in undertaking high value and complex personal injury cases and clinical negligence cases. He is an APIL and AvMA approved expert.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Personal Injury
- Mental Health Disposals
- Clinical Negligence
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Breach Of Duty
- Risk Assessment
- Sexual Abuse
- Family Court
- PTSD
- Issues at Work and Employment Tribunals
- Psychiatric Treatment
- Fitness to Plead
- Capacity Assessment
- Parole Board Reports

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Current Position: Medical Lead within Willesden Magistrates' and Harrow Crown Court Liaison And Diversion Schemes

Locum Forensic Psychiatrist (Part-Time), For CNWL NHS Foundation Trust
February 2017-Present

My responsibilities within the Court Diversion role include:

- Assessing defendants with complex psychiatric (escalated to me via the junior team members).
- Writing brief court reports within a very short turn-over a court (often within an hour or 2).
- Formally advising the court about major psychiatric issues (including fitness to plead).
- Initiating and undertaking Mental Health Act assessments, where necessary. Making formal recommendations for these.
- Contributing to formal business meetings between various teams and organisations within the court.
- Lead formal teaching sessions for other members of my team.
- Attending pan-London Court Liaison & Diversion focus groups.

Outside of my clinical psychiatrist role for the NHS, I carry out independent expert witness work for both courts.

- My responsibilities within my recent prison role (also part time for CNWL NHS Foundation Trust; from February 2017 to May 2018) included:
- Overseeing the care of the psychiatric patients within the prison's Healthcare Unit.
- Clinical Leadership to prison clinical mental health team.
- Initiating treatment for prisoners suffering from mental illness (including prescribing medication and referring to our team of psychologists).
- Regular assessments/courts reports for a number of courts and solicitors; regarding recommendations for disposal (including formal transfer to hospital under the Mental Health Act 1983/2007) for prisoners.
- Regularly submitting legal paperwork as the formal medical recommendations for Mental Health Act assessments.
- Clinical lead for weekly multi-disciplinary planning meeting within Healthcare Unit
- Contributing to ACCT assessments.
- Mental health assessments within the Segregation and Care Unit.

Clinical Director Of London Cyrenians Housing (Part-Time)
April 2016–February 2017

Director of the AIR (Assessment, Independence & Recovery) Team, as well as being the Clinical Director of London Cyrenians Housing; a housing association (and charity) that specialised in housing clients with troubled backgrounds (Forensic Histories / Mental Illness / Dual Diagnosis / Learning Disability). I was the sole doctor / psychiatrist within the organisation. My responsibilities included:

- Leadership and supervision of team (consisting of nurses and social workers). Line management of whole team.
- Examination and feedback regarding risk assessment documentation across the organisation.
- Overseeing and advising on the care of complex and challenging clients; liaison with community mental health teams and staff within the housing projects.
- Assistance and advice for complex referrals, related to higher risk clients.
- Delivery of organisation-wide teaching, in a wide range of topic.

Responsible Clinician For Danbury Ward, Low Secure Mental Illness Rehabilitation Ward St Andrew's Healthcare, Essex.

May 2014 To April 2016 (Part-Time)

Consultant responsible for the care of 14 psychiatric in-patients with significant forensic risk histories:

- Initiating and carrying out treatment plans for a range of patients on civil and criminal sections of the Mental Health Act.
- Providing leadership to an in-patient Multi-Disciplinary Team, including supervision and line management of a junior doctor.
- Chairing all Care Programme Approach meetings, and ward rounds.
- Writing a range of reports (including medico-legal, tribunal, CPA, leave reports) and supervising reports by junior staff.
- Frequent medico-legal report writing through the St. Andrew's consultancy service.

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- Regularly providing evidence at all Mental Health Review Tribunals and Manager's Hearings.
 - Regular attendance to Crown Court to give expert evidence on behalf of my patient group.
 - Lead psychiatrist in Secure Training Centre (for adolescent offenders).

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

MSc – Psychiatric Research 2012 University College London
MRCPsych – Membership 2011 Royal College of Psychiatrists
MBChB – Medicine and Surgery 2003 University of Edinburgh
BSc – Pharmacology 2000 University of Edinburgh