DR VIKKI HUNKIN

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist & Independent Expert Witness

BA (Hons), DClinPsy, CPsychol, AFBPsS, PgDip, QiCN | HCPC Registered Practitioner Psychologist

DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS	RESPONSIVE	REPORT TURNAROUND
Claimant & defendant instructions accepted across England and Wales.	New instruction and availability enquiries normally answered the same working day.	Expert reports are normally completed within three weeks of assessment.

Direct instruction and availability enquiries: cornwallpsychologist.co.uk/contact

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dr Vikki Hunkin is a Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist and independent expert witness with more than 20 years' professional experience across NHS, independent and medico-legal practice. She specialises in the assessment of cognitive, behavioural and emotional difficulties arising from traumatic and acquired brain injury, stroke, neurological illness and other medical conditions. Her expert witness practice includes complex and disputed neuropsychological presentations, subtle cognitive impairment, mental capacity and cases requiring detailed consideration of functional impact, prognosis and rehabilitation needs.

Dr Hunkin holds the British Psychological Society Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology (QiCN), is listed on the BPS Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists and the BPS Register of Expert Witnesses, is registered with the HCPC as a Practitioner Psychologist, and holds the Cardiff University Bond Solon Civil Expert Witness Certificate. She continues to practise clinically in neuropsychology alongside her expert witness work.

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Approximately 9 years as an expert witness | approx.42 expert reports annually | Oral evidence on 5 occasions in the past 5 years

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF INSTRUCTION

- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Traumatic and acquired brain injury
- Stroke and neurological conditions
- Complex or disputed neuropsychological presentations
- Subtle cognitive impairment
- Mental capacity and Court of Protection matters
- Capacity to conduct litigation / manage property and affairs

EXPERT WITNESS WORK INCLUDES

- Comprehensive neuropsychological and cognitive assessment
- Performance validity assessment
- CPR Part 35 expert reports and addenda
- Responses to Part 35 questions
- Conferences with solicitors and counsel
- Expert discussions and joint statements
- Oral expert evidence

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Assessment may include intellectual functioning, attention and concentration, processing speed, learning and memory, verbal and non-verbal functioning, executive functioning, behavioural and emotional consequences of neurological conditions, performance validity, functional impact, prognosis and rehabilitation needs.

Face-to-face assessments can be arranged across Cornwall and Devon and elsewhere across England and Wales where required. Remote assessment may be considered where clinically appropriate.

MENTAL CAPACITY

Specialist capacity assessments include capacity to conduct litigation, capacity to manage property and financial affairs, testamentary capacity and other significant decisions where neuropsychological expertise is relevant. Assessments are undertaken with reference to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the relevant legal test for the decision in question.

QUALIFICATIONS, REGISTRATION & EXPERIENCE

Dr Vikki Hunkin - Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist & Independent Expert Witness

QUALIFICATIONS

2021 Cardiff University Bond Solon Civil Expert Witness Certificate
Cardiff University / Bond Solon

2015 Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology (Adult) - QiCN
British Psychological Society

2011 Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Neuropsychology
University of Bristol

2009 Doctorate in Clinical Psychology
University of Plymouth

2003 BA (Hons) Experimental Psychology
University of Oxford

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP

HCPC Registered Practitioner Psychologist
Chartered Psychologist - British Psychological Society
Associate Fellow - British Psychological Society
Full Member - BPS Division of Neuropsychology
BPS Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists
BPS Register of Expert Witnesses
Bond Solon National Register of University Certificated Expert Witnesses

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ROLES

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist	Independent clinical and medico-legal practice
Examiner - Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Neuropsychology	Canterbury Christ Church University

SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist	Torbay and South Devon NHS Trust
Clinical Neuropsychologist	Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Trainee Clinical Psychologist	Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust
Assistant Psychologist	Various organisations

Also served as a Trustee of Headway Cornwall.

SELECTED EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

Bond Solon - Civil Rules and Procedures
Bond Solon - Excellence in Report Writing
Bond Solon - Courtroom Skills
The Role and Duty of the Expert Witness
Skills in Report Writing
Skills in Preparing Joint Statements
Cross-examination and Courtroom Skills
Court Skills Training

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Dr Hunkin has been an Associate Editor for Europe's Journal of Psychology and undertakes university examining responsibilities in clinical neuropsychology. Her continuing clinical and academic involvement supports an expert witness practice grounded in current neuropsychological knowledge and professional standards.

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