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Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL19322**

Profile:

Deborah has over 35 years experience working in criminal justice and health settings, including lengthy experience as a Probation Officer and a Forensic Psychologist. She has held Lead/Principal Psychologist positions at HMP/YOI Holloway (female), HMP Full Sutton (High Security) and HMP Belmarsh (High Security). Deborah has also been a visiting consultant psychologist positions in private health settings and academic/teaching positions at two universities, one current. Deborah has considerable expertise in the assessment, management and treatment of high risk complex and challenging offenders and her special interests include assessment, management and treatment of clients with mental health/personality disorder often co-morbid and with complex needs; forensic developmental disorders; neuropsychological assessment and rehabilitation; and violent/sexual offending. Deborah is a Certified Expert Witness having achieved full formal accreditation through Cardiff University and Bond Solon. Deborah regularly attends Court to give evidence and has completed many expert witness assessments. Deborah is able to undertake expert witness assessments in both criminal and family law.

Areas of Expertise:

- Assessment of High Risk, Very High Risk and Exceptional Risk Prisoners including Life Sentence Prisoners
- DSPD criteria conversant and experienced
- Lifer/IPP Parole Boards
- Category A Assessments
- Assessment of Violence Risk
- Sexual Offending Assessment & Treatment; SARN
- Assessment of Personality Disorder / Psychopathy
- Assessment of Cognitive Functioning / IQ/neuropsychological disorders including autism
- Assessment and treatment of neuropsychological disorders and issues stemming from disorders
- Prison Service Interventions
- Family Court Work/Parent Assessments
- PTSD Assessment

Employment History: Current

January 2012 - Present: Company Director, Forensic Psychology Solutions Ltd.

- Assessment reports for Criminal and Family cases where there are forensic issues, including fitness to plead, capacity and risk. Clients include the Crown Prosecution Service, Solicitors, Probation and Local authorities.

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- Consultancy on assessment and management of risk and treatment planning
 - Consultant Psychologist at Cygnet Hospital, Stevenage, writing, developing and training others on a Healthy Relationships Programme for Forensic patients with a history of mental illness.
 - Training and Development
 - Supervision to Forensic Psychologists in Training

February 2014 – present: Consultant psychologist, HMPPS High Security (HMP Whitemoor) Close Supervision Centre

- Develop the annual training plan, develop and deliver weekly training to all staff on the Close Supervision Centre (CSC) (primarily operational);
- Complete assessment and treatment with prisoners on CSC;
- Conduct assessment reports on Category A prisoners

September 2009 - Present: Parole Commissioner, Northern Ireland Parole Board

April 2012-April 2013: Locum Forensic Psychologist, NHS Brockfield House Medium Secure Unit Essex

September 2008 - December 2011: Principal Psychologist /Head of Forensic Psychology, HMP Belmarsh High Secure Prison

July 2007 – September 2008: Principal Psychologist /Head of Forensic Psychology, HMP Full Sutton High Secure Prison

September 2006 – October 2010: Consultant Psychologist, Priory Healthcare (Part-Time)

January 2004 - July 2007: Principal Psychologist /Head of Forensic Psychology, HMP / YOI Holloway

June 2003 - August 2004: Thames Valley University: Part time Lecturer on the BSc Psychology Forensic Psychology Module Principal Psychologist /Head of Forensic Psychology, HMP / YOI Holloway

September 2002 – January 2004: Senior Forensic Psychologist, London Probation Area

September 1999 – September 2002: Trainee, then Acting Senior Forensic Psychologist, HMP/YOI Chelmsford

Personal Qualifications:

University of Leicester, 1997-1999: MSc Forensic Psychology

West London Institute of Further Education: Certificate of Qualification in Social Work (Home Office Sponsored Officer Training) Diploma Applied Social Studies

Ealing College of Higher Education, 1981 – 1982: Diploma Socio-Legal Studies (Offenders and the Law).

University of Loughborough, 1975-1979: Bachelor of Science (with Hons) Human Psychology

Expert Witness Training:

- Cardiff University/Bond Solon: Certificate of Expert Witness Accreditation (CUEW) 2006
- Excellence in Report Writing (2006)
- Courtroom Skills (2006)
- Cross Examination Day (2006)
- Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference (2009)

Professional Appointments:

- 1975 - Graduate Member of the British Psychological Society
- 2002 – Accepted onto the Charter of Psychologists (Reg No 089065)
- 2002-2007- BPS Division of Forensic Psychology Committee Member
- 2004 – Register of Qualifications in Test Use (RQTU) Level and B Psychometric Testing
- 2004-2005- BPS Division of Forensic Psychology Secretary Elect
- 2005-2006- BPS Division of Forensic Psychology Honorary Secretary
- 2004-2007- Chair of the BPS Division of Forensic Psychology Committee on Continuing Professional Development
- 2005-2007-BPS Division of Forensic Psychology Lead on Consultations
- 2006 – Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society
- 2006- Chartered Scientist Status
- 2006-Guest Lecturer MSC Forensic Psychology University of Portsmouth
- 2007- Associate Member of the Special Group in Coaching Psychology, British Psychological Society
- 2008- Member of the Special Group in Counselling Psychology (SGCP)
- 2009-Commissioner for the Northern Ireland Parole Commissioners
- 2010- 2012 Member of the Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland Parole Commissioners
- 2012- Register of Applied Psychology Practice Supervisors
- 2012-2016 Assessor for Stage 2 Diploma of Qualification of Forensic Psychology
- 2013- 2017 BPS Division of Forensic Psychology Committee Member Policy Lead
- 2013 –2017 Book Review Editor for Forensic Update

Professional Appointments:

Domestic Violence Work with male Offenders (with Jane Lindsay and Dermot Brady) in Crighton. D, and Towl. G., (ed) (2005) Psychology in Probation Services. Blackwell

Work with life sentence prisoners in Crighton. D, and Towl. G., (ed) (2005) Psychology in Probation Services. Blackwell