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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

QiCN (Distinction)

Independent route - 2012

D.Clin.Psy.

Universities of Coventry and Warwick – 2002

PhD.

University of Manchester - 1994

BA(Hons.) 2:1

University of Wales: Swansea - 1988

CURRENT TRAINING

Completed Expert Witness Training Seminars (The Role and Duty of the Expert Witness; Skills in Report Writing; Skills in preparing Joint Statements; Cross-examination and Courtroom Skills)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

HCPC registered Clinical Psychologist: PYL16232

Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists:
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TYPICAL AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT

Personal Injury (Adults and Children); PTSD; Anxiety Disorders; Depression; Road Accident; Effects of Automatism in Traffic Situations; Work Accident; Housing Stress; Chronic Pain; Employment Cases; Neuropsychology; Data Breach; Psychological aspects of Medical Negligence

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist (1.0wtr)

2016 – Current

The Oxford Psychological Medicine Centre, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist (1.0 wte).

2007-2016

Clinical Neuropsychology Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Honorary Lecturer in Clinical Psychology

2011-2016

Department of Psychology, University of Sheffield.

Lecturer in Clinical Psychology (0.6wte), Clinical Psychology

2001-2011

Unit, Department of Psychology, University of Sheffield.

Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist (0.4wte).

2007-2011

Clinical Neuropsychology Services, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield.

Senior Clinical Psychologist (0.4wte)

2005-2007

Clinical Neuropsychology Services, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield.

Clinical Psychologist (0.4wte),

2002-2005

Clinical Neuropsychology Services, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield.

Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Doctor of Clinical Psychology Course. Universities of Coventry and Warwick.

1999-2002

Post- Doctoral Research Associate on MRC funded Programme Grant. Identifying lesion location and functional deficit in people with amnesia. Department of Clinical Neurology, University of Sheffield.

1994-1999

CLINICS: Barnstaple, Oxford (Neuropsychological appointments only)

MEDICOLEGAL EXPERIENCE

Dr Isaac began medicolegal reporting in 2016 completing over 50 reports per year, and has not yet completed any clinical negligence reports. She has not yet been required to attend court. Her ratio of instructions is approximately 90:10, majority claimant.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Mayes, A. R., Hunkin, N. M., Isaac, C., & Muhlert, N. (2018).** Are there distinct forms of accelerated forgetting and, if so, why?. *Cortex*. doi:[10.1016/j.cortex.2018.04.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cortex.2018.04.005)
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- Rowe, J., Khan, A., Romanowski, C., Isaac, C., Khan, S., Mair, R., Azziz, T., & Yianni, J. (2016).** Clinical Experience with Pedunculopontine Nucleus Stimulation in Conditions with Nigro-Striatal Disconnection. *World Neurosurgery*, 89, 9-18. (DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.wneu.2015.11.054>)
- Briddon, E., Isaac, C.L. & Slade, P (2015).** The association between involuntary memory and emotional adjustment after childbirth. *British Journal of Health Psychology*. 20(4), 889-903
- Blundell Jones, J., Walsh, S. & Isaac, C. (2014).** "Putting One Foot in Front of the Other": A Qualitative Study of Emotional Experiences and Help-Seeking in Women with Multiple Sclerosis. *Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings*. DOI 10.1007/s10880-014-9408-1
- Elliott, G., Isaac, C.L. & Muhlert, N. (2014).** Measuring forgetting: a critical review of accelerated long term forgetting studies. *Cortex*, 54, 16-32.
- Galarza, M., Isaac, C, Pellicer Porcar, O., Mayes, A., Broks,P., Montaldi, D., Denby,C. & Simeone, F. (2014).** Jazz, Guitar and Neurosurgery: the Pat Martino case report. *World Neurosurgery*, 81, 651.e1-651.e7.
- Hind, D., Cotter, J., Thake, A., Bradburn, M., Cooper, C., Isaac, C. & House, A. (2014).** Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for the treatment of depression in multiple sclerosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *BMC Psychiatry*, 14:5 doi:10.1186/1471-244X-14-5
- Evans, S.J., Elliott, G., Reynders, H. & Isaac, C.L. (2014).** Can temporal lobe epilepsy surgery ameliorate long term accelerated forgetting? *Neuropsychologia*, 53, 64-74.
- Clemerson, G., Isaac, C.L. & Walsh, S.** Towards living well with young onset dementia: an exploration of coping from the perspective of those diagnosed. *Dementia* (In press).
- Cooper, C.L., Hind, D., Parry, G.D., Isaac, C.L., Dimairo, M., O’Cathain, A., Rose, A., Freeman, J.V., Martin, L., Kaltenthaler, E.C., Thake, A. & Sharrack, B. (2011).** Computerised cognitive behavioural therapy for the treatment of depression in people with multiple sclerosis: external pilot trial, *Trials*, 12, 259-273
- Muhlert, N., Grünewald, R.A., Hunkin, N.M., Reuber, M., Howell, S., Reynders, H. & Isaac, C.L. (2011).** Accelerated long-term forgetting in temporal lobe but not idiopathic generalised epilepsy. *Neuropsychologia*, 49, 2417-2426.
- Holden, K. & Isaac C.L. (2011)** Depression in Multiple Sclerosis: Reactive or Endogenous? *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 25, 624-639.
- Ackroyd, K., Fortune, D.G., Price, S., Howell, S., Sharrack, B. & Isaac, C.L. (2011).** Adversarial growth in patient with multiple sclerosis and their partners: Relationships with illness perceptions, disability & distress. *Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings*. (in press, DOI: 10.1007/s10880-011-9265-0
- Briddon, E., Slade, P., Isaac, C. & Wrench, I. (2011).** How do memory processes relate to the development of posttraumatic stress symptoms following childbirth? *Journal of Anxiety Disorders*, 25, 1001-1007.
- Taylor, N., Isaac, C. & Milne, E. (2010).** A comparison of the development of audiovisual integration in children with autism spectrum disorders and typically developing children. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 40, 11, 1403-1411.

- Kleyn, C.E., McKie, S., Ross, A.R., Montaldi, D., Gregory, L.J., Elliott, R., Isaac, C.L., Anderson, I.M., Richards, H.L., Deakin, J.F.W., Fortune, D.G. & Griffiths, C.E.M. (2009)** Diminished Neural and Cognitive Responses to Facial Expressions of Disgust in Patients with Psoriasis: A Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study. *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*, 129, 2613-2619.
- Hall, K., Isaac, C. & Harris, P. (2009).** Memory Complaints in Epilepsy: an Accurate Reflection of Memory Impairment or an Indicator of Poor Adjustment? A Review of the Literature. *Clinical Psychology Review*, 29, 354-367
- Thompson, R., Isaac, C., Rowse, G., Tooth, C. & Reuber, M. (2009).** What is it like to receive a diagnosis of non-epileptic seizures? *Epilepsy and Behaviour*, 14, 508-515.
- Hind, D. O’Cathain, A., Cooper, C., Parry, G., Isaac, C., Rose, A., Martin, L. & Sharrack, B. (2009).** The acceptability of computerised cognitive behavioural therapy software for the treatment of depression in people with chronic physical disease: a qualitative study of people with multiple sclerosis. *Psychology and Health*, 1476-8321.
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- Isaac, C., Wright, I., Bhattacharyya, D., Baxter, P. & Rowe, J. (2008).** Pallidal Stimulation for pantothenate kinase associated neurodegeneration dystonia. *Archives of Disease in Childhood*, 93, 239-240.
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- Hall, K.E., Isaac, C.L., Harris, P. & Rowe, R. (2008).** Using illness representations to understand the nature of memory complaints in epilepsy. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 14, Suppl.2, 71.
- Walpole, P., Isaac, C.L. & Reynders, H.J. (2008)** A comparison of cognitive and emotional intelligences in people with and without temporal lobe epilepsy. *Epilepsia*, 49, 1470-1474.
- Isaac, C.L., Cushway, D. & Jones, G. (2006).** Is posttraumatic stress disorder associated with specific deficits in episodic memory. *Clinical Psychology Review*. 26, 939-955
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