



## **Dr Ashley Francis**

B.Sc., M.Sc., D.Clin.Psych  
HCPC Number: PYL33429

### **Services offered**

- Personal Injury Assessment (Psychological)
- Medical Negligence



### **Areas of involvement**

Dr Francis provides psychological assessments and reports for both Claimant and Defendant lawyers and insurers including joint instructions.

- Personal Injury (Adults and Children)
- PTSD
- Anxiety Disorders
- Depression
- Road Accident
- Effects of Automatism in Traffic Situations
- Work Accident
- Housing Stress
- Psychological Aspects of Medical Negligence
- Chronic Pain
- Reliability of Witness
- Employment Cases
- Data Breaches

### **Employment History**

## **2018 - Current**

Clinical Psychologist

Independent Private Practice

Providing assessments, written reports and private psychotherapy services for clients presenting with a range of common and complex mental health problems, as well as physical health problems that are linked to emotional stress such as chronic pain fibromyalgia, IBS, migraine headaches and dissociative seizures

Undertaking assessments and report writing for the Civil Courts around personal injury and clinical negligence cases

Undertaking assessments and report writing for the Criminal Courts around mental health

Duties also include the development and running of a small business, including administration, advertising, setting up referral streams, liaising with insurers and third-party providers of clinical services, and writing reports clinical reports for employers and insurers

## **2018 - 2019**

Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist (Band 8a)

Chronic Pain Management Service, NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust

Working with patients presenting with complex pain syndromes and medically unexplained symptoms typically within the context of historical and ongoing psychological trauma.

Duties include: 1:1 assessment and psychotherapy treatment alongside MDT colleagues in pain clinics; preparing reports and psychological formulations for patients, medical staff and where necessary the Department for Work and Health in relation to Personal Independence Payment (PIP); facilitating pain management group programs; supervising Trainee Clinical Psychologists, Assistant Psychologists and MSci students; training and consultation for MDT staff in psychological ways of working with pain; and implementing and evaluating a pilot program for psychotherapy services embedded within local GP practices

## **2017 - 2018**

Clinical Psychologist (Band 7)

Adult Mental Health Service, NHS Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust

Working with adult and older adult patients in secondary care services presenting with anxiety, depression, complex trauma, PTSD, personality issues, risk and social care needs

Duties included 1:1 assessment and psychotherapy treatment with a particular focus on trauma models; conducting risk assessments and developing safety care plans; training and consultation for MDT; and supervising Trainee Clinical Psychologists

## **2013 - 2016**

Trainee Clinical Psychologist

Trent Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology, Nottingham

This role involved undertaking clinical, academic and research components stipulated by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the Division of Clinical Psychology (DCP) to become a qualified Clinical Psychologist. Clinical work was undertaken across four core placements in Adult, Older Adult, Child, and Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

## **2012 - 2013**

Assistant Psychologist

Locked Rehabilitation for Males with Intellectual Disabilities, Cambian Group

Working in a locked rehabilitation service for adults with intellectual disabilities, Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and forensic histories.

Duties involved: 1:1 clinical work under supervision addressing working to address challenging behaviour, anger, anxiety, depression, psychosis and antisocial personality disorder; conducting risk assessments and coordinating risk assessment meetings with the MDT; attending Care Program Approach (CPA) meetings and Tribunals representing psychology, preparing reports and disseminating feedback to on client's health and wellbeing and making recommendations of future plans for care and risk management.

## **2011 - 2012**

Assistant Psychologist

Older Adult Mental Health Services, NHS Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust

Working in a community mental health service for older adults presenting with anxiety and depression, cognitive impairment and neurodegenerative conditions (e.g. Alzheimer's disease)

Duties included: 1:1 individual therapy informed by CBT for people with anxiety, depression, bereavement and loss; facilitated an anxiety and depression management group; offering consultation to care staff at a day-care centre looking to improve their psychological knowledge and understanding of client's presentations, particularly around dementia and challenging behaviour.

## **2010 - 2011**

Assistant Psychologist

Neuropsychology & Older Adult Mental Health Services, NHS North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust

This was a split between the older adult mental and neuropsychology services:

Duties involved Neuropsychological assessment/report writing with adults with traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) and with older adults with suspected onset dementia; 1:1 clinical work informed by CBT for issues around bereavement, depression and anxiety; developing cognitive rehabilitation interventions for patients with TBI; service auditing and evaluation.

## **2010 - 2011**

Assistant Psychologist

## Recent Training Courses

2018 - 2020 Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy (ISTDP), Core Training: Boston, USA 2018 - 2019 Bond Solon Civil Expert Certificate (Expert Witness training for Civil Courts): Cardiff University, UK 2017 -2018 Experiential Dynamic Therapy, Core Training: Birmingham, UK 2016 - 2019 Eye Movement and Desensitisation Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapy (Part 1,2 & 3): Richman Training, UK 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 Qualifications

- **Qualification date: 2016**  
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D.Clin.Psych), University of Nottingham
- **Qualification date: 2009**  
M.Sc. Investigative and Forensic Psychology, Distinction, University of Liverpool
- **Qualification date: 2007**  
B.Sc. Psychology, 1st class honours, University of Liverpool

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