

# Ms Gail Dee M.Sc Chartered Counselling Psychologist





Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL038836**British Psychological Society Membership: **153403** 

Ms Gail Dee is a Counselling Psychologist registered with both the Health Professions Council and British Psychological Society. She has over 16 years of experience working as a Psychologist and has specialised in the field of learning difficulties and disabilities. She currently leads a Psychology service in a community learning disability team as well as running a private specialist Autism Spectrum Diagnostic Service. She is trained in CBT, Systemic family therapy and Psychodynamic therapy. She teaches on the University of Surrey doctoral programme on working therapeutically with people with intellectual disabilities. She has been working as an expert witness, undertaking work in the Family, Civil and Criminal courts.

### **EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE**

- Complex family assessments in child protection cases and for the Family Courts
- Parental learning disability or mental Health and the impact on parenting
- Specialist assessments of Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Assessments of intellectual ability, mental capacity, fitness to plead and suggestibility for the Civil and
   Criminal Courts
- Specialist assessments in the Court of Protection
- Assessment of trauma and diagnostic assessments of PTSD
- Specialist interventions for families and individuals as directed by the courts

# **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING**

2017	Accredited Autism Spectrum Disorder Condition Assessor, Lorna Wing Centre
2009-10	Post Graduate Diploma in Systemic Family Therapy, St Georges Mental Health Trust
2007	Foundation Diploma Course in Systemic Family Therapy, Institute of Family Therapy
2001-02	master's in counselling psychology, University of Natal, Durban
2000	Intern Psychometrist, University of Zululand, Richards Bay
1999	Psychology Honors Degree, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg
1996-98	Batchelor Arts Degree, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg



### **WORK HISTORY**

### 2015-Now Independent Clinical Psychologist

Independent Expert for the Courts and Tribunals

### 2012-Now Consultant Lecturer, Surrey University

Lecture to second year Counselling Psychology Doctoral students on working therapeutically with people with learning disabilities.

## 2007-Now Lead Psychologist, Sutton Community Learning Disabilities Team

Clinical Psychologist responsible for managing qualified and unqualified staff as well as assessment, formulation, diagnosis and treatment of adults with learning disabilities and mental health or challenging behaviour problems living in the community.

Psychometric and Neuropsychological evaluations, therapy and clinical management facilitating psychotherapeutic groups, supervising trainee Psychologists and training other professionals about safeguarding issues.

# 2006-Now Principle Psychologist, Redbridge Community Learning Disabilities Team, North East London Mental Health Trust

Responsible for the assessment, formulation, diagnosis and treatment of adults with Learning disabilities. Psychological input at an Assessment and Treatment Inpatient Unit once a week as well as working as part of a multidisciplinary team and co-facilitating therapeutic groups.

### 2005-16 Locum Psychologist at Stroud Community Learning Disabilities Team, NHS Gloucester Partnership

Responsible for the assessment, diagnosis, formulation and treatment of adults and children with learning disabilities in the community setting as well as an acute in patient assessment and treatment facility. Functional analysis and behavioural programme implementation with parents and care takers of the referred clients. Responsible for the design and facilitation of a Bereavement group for adults with Learning Disabilities. Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

### 2005 Locum Psychologist at Capio Nightingale Child & Adolescent Hospital

Responsible for the assessment, diagnosis, formulation and short-term treatment of Adolescents in an acute Mental Health Unit. Design and co-facilitation of psychotherapeutic groups.

### 2004 Affiliate of ICAS

Responsible for conducting Employee Assistance Programme work in organisations located in the Richards Bay and Empangeni area.

### 2004 Consultant Psychometric for SHL

I was responsible for the selection and recruitment of personnel, using Psychometric assessments, in-tray exercises and role-plays.

# 2004 Private Psychology Practice

Working as part of a multidisciplinary team offering Counselling and assessment of adults, teenagers and children. We also offered workshops and training facilitation. Specialising in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Borderline Personality Disorders.



2003-04 English Teacher, Franklin Language School, Taiwan

Teaching English as a foreign language to Chinese students aged from 4 to 16 years of age.

2002-03 Lecturer, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg

Lecturer in Psychology for the School of Education.

2002-03 Intern Psychologist, Child and Family Centre, Pietermaritzburg

Child and family Centre

- Student Counselling Centre
- Childline
- Pietermaritzburg Girls High School
- Edendale Primary School

2001 Freelance Psychometrist, Durban

2001 Freelance Research Assistant, World Health Organisation, Durban

2001 Freelance Psychometrist, Dynamic People, Durban

2000 Intern Psychometrist, Zululand Career and Life Skills Centre

## **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

1995 Top Twenty
1995 Sanlam Trophy for Perseverance
1994 Merit Certificate for Public Speaking
1993 English Olympiad