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**Clinical and Forensic Psychologist**



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Dr LJ McFarlane is a dual-qualified, Health and Care Professions Council registered clinical and forensic psychologist who has worked in the field of applied psychology since 1999. He has experience of producing reports for Family and Criminal Courts, Local Authorities, Immigration Tribunals and Parole Boards; [at last count this was 459 expert reports]. He has also appeared in Criminal and Family Courts and Parole Boards as an expert witness.

He is currently working for an autism spectrum assessment and intervention team, which is part of a child and adolescent mental health service. His job involves the assessment of children and young people with autism and to provide therapeutic help.

In an earlier post, Dr McFarlane worked in a community child and adolescent mental health service (service users ranged from 5 to 18). The job involved assessment for various mental health and developmental disorders, including anxiety, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, trauma, ADHD, and autism. He also provided mental health interventions and consultancy within a Youth Offending Team (YOT). Part of his work with the YOT was the assessment and interventions of young people who are or were involved in 'County Lines' & gangs. This role also involved considering issues of risk and vulnerability.

Another former job was within a medium secure unit for adolescents with severe mental health difficulties; the young people had complex mental health diagnoses, such as psychosis, bipolar disorder, severe anxiety and/or depression. All the children had a criminal history and usually had issues relating to trauma.

With respect to my other previous posts as a qualified psychologist, Dr McFarlane has worked for a high-secure NHS hospital, for two prison establishments in HM Prison Service, and for a child protection charity that works to stop child sexual abuse.

#### **AREAS OF SPECIALISM**

- Parental Assessment – (including risk assessments, ability to protect a child, prioritise the needs of children)
- Family Dynamics, (including chaotic lifestyle, capacity to change, ability to work with professionals)
- Assessment of Domestic Violence and maladaptive relationships
- Cognitive Functioning (I.Q.) assessment / Learning Disability assessment
- Mental Capacity Assessment
- Adult & Adolescent Mental Health (including Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) / Complex Trauma)
- Personality Assessment - including Personality Disorder and psychopathic traits
- County lines & criminal exploitation / criminal gangs
- Violence Risk Assessment
- Sexualised behaviours / Sexual Risk Assessments - (Adults & Children) – (including Stalking & Cyberstalking behaviours, grooming & inappropriate sexual material / media)

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2010** University Advanced Diploma in Systemic Thinking and Practice (Accredited by Association of Family Therapy), University of Derby
- 2009** Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, University of Leicester
- 2001** MSc Criminological Psychology, University of Birmingham
- 1995** MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice, Loughborough University
- 1994** BSc (Hons) Psychology, London Guildhall University

## WORK HISTORY

**2022 – Present Principal Clinical Psychologist, Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust**

A CAMHS autism assessment service. My job involved the assessment of children and young people with autism, as well as interventions with the young people.

**2020 – 2022 Senior Clinical Psychologist, Sheffield Children’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**

A regional Child Development and Neurodisability Service. My job involved the assessment of children and young people with autism, as well as interventions with the young people.

**2019 – 2020 Senior Clinical & Forensic Psychologist, Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

A community child & adolescent mental health service, (my service users were ranged from 3 to 18). My job involves assessment for various mental health and developmental disorders including anxiety, depression, ADHD and autism. I also provided mental health interventions and consultancy within a Youth Offending Team (YOT). Part of my work with the YOT was assessment and interventions of young people who are or were involved in gangs.

**2014 – 2019 Clinical & Forensic Psychologist, Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership**

A Community child & adolescent mental health service and Youth Offending Service. My role there involved undertaking highly specialist psychological assessments of complex cases, assessing personality, beliefs, attitudes, behaviour, emotional function, and other relevant psychological characteristics of children, adolescents, and young adults.

**2014 – 2022 Expert Witness (P/T), Psychological Services UK**

Undertaking independent expert assessments within criminal court reports and Parole Board proceedings.

2010 – On-going Expert Witness (P/T), Carter Brown Associates

Undertaking independent expert assessments within Criminal & Family legal proceedings.

**2010 – 2014 Clinical & Forensic Psychologist, Ardenleigh Forensic (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service) Medium Secure Unit**

Complex and detailed assessments and interventions with young people who are sectioned under the Mental Health Act with various presenting difficulties including psychosis, anti-social behaviours, interpersonal difficulties, self-harm, depression, anxiety and childhood trauma.

**2008 – 2010 Clinical Psychologist, HMYOI Werrington**

Complex and detailed assessments and interventions with young people who are on a criminal order with various presenting difficulties including self-harm, depression, anxiety and childhood trauma.

Provided consultation to Youth Offending Service, Prison Service and MAPPA.

**2003 – 2005 Clinical Therapist, Lucy Faithfull Foundation**

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**Forensic Psychologist, Rampton Hospital - National High Secure Service for Women****Lucy Faithfull Foundation:**

Assessment and therapeutic work with sex offenders who had committed sexual acts against children.

Provided consultation to Social Workers, NHS, Youth Offending Service, Prison Service and MAPPA.

**Rampton Hospital:**

Psychological assessments and interventions with female patients in a high-secure hospital with various presenting difficulties including psychosis, personality disorders, severe depression, self-harm.

**2001-2003 Forensic Psychologist, Rampton Hospital – Personality Disorder Unit (Males) (p/t)**

Psychological assessments and interventions with male patients in a high-secure hospital with the main presenting difficulty being a personality disorder.

**1999-2003 Forensic Psychologist, HMP Nottingham**

Psychological assessments and interventions with male prisoners in a 'Category B' establishment.

**PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION**

- Health & Care Professions Council Registered Practitioner (Clinical Psychologist).
- Health & Care Professions Council Registered Practitioner (Forensic Psychologist).
- British Psychological Society - Chartered Psychologist (CPsychol).
- Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (AFBPsS).
- Chartered Scientist (CSci).

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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