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Practitioner Health Psychologist





Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL039022**British Psychological Society Membership: **428724**

Dr Sian Armstrong is HCPC Registered Practitioner Health Psychologist. She qualified in 2020 and has worked clinically since then in multidisciplinary clinical health psychology, working with adults whose mental health has been impacted by their physical health condition or disability. She also completed over 100 expert witness reports to the court and undertaken specific associated expert witness report writing and courtroom skills training.

She holds a number of roles in the NHS and with private healthcare providers in the role of a Practitioner Health Psychologist, conducting psychological assessments and delivering psychotherapy. She is qualified in a number of psychological therapies including cognitive behavioural, acceptance and commitment and compassion-focused therapies as part of my clinical roles in pain management and psycho-oncology.

AREAS OF SPECIALISM

- Chronic pain
- Traumatic injury
- Road traffic accidents
- Oncology
- Physical health conditions
- Acceptance and commitment therapy
- Multidisciplinary working

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2020 DPsych Health Psychology, Glasgow Caledonian University

2017 MSc Health Psychology, University of St. Andrews

2015 BSc (Hons) Psychology, University of Dundee



WORK HISTORY

Therapeutic experience

Hold multiple part-time positions in the NHS and private sector, conducting psychological assessments and providing therapy for individuals impacted by life-altering events like traumatic injury or cancer.

Sept 2022 – Present NHS East Lancashire, Applied Psychologist

Psychological assessment and psychological intervention using CBT, ACT, CFT, and integrative therapeutic intervention to support patients with a diagnosis of cancer. Role also includes supervision of clinical nurse specialists and cancer support workers.

June 2022 – Present Healthy Mind Psychology, Associate Psychologist

Private psychological therapy intervention: specialising in pain psychology, weight management, cardiac rehab, and physical health conditions. Using adaptive, integrative therapy to aid the management of chronic physical health symptoms, health diagnoses, chronic pain and significant life changes.

Dec 2020 – Sept 2022 Connect Health, Applied Psychologist

Principal psychologist in multidisciplinary pain management team, providing clinical assessment, formulation, CBT & ACT therapy, and psychological consultation with third sector, MDT & IAPT services

Medico-legal experience

Experienced in expert witness work, specializing in adult personal injury related to road traffic accidents and the effects of health conditions, particularly chronic pain, on clients. Produced over 150 expert witness reports for the court and undertaken specific associated training.

October 2022 – Present Psychology Direct, Independent Expert witness Psychologist

Independent expert witness psychologist, report writing and prognosis determination for cases of personal injury and the impact of physical health conditions in criminal and civil case proceedings.

March 2022 – Present Equilibria Health, Independent Expert Witness Psychologist

Independent expert witness psychologist specialising in report writing and prognosis determination for personal injury cases involving car accidents and workplace incidents. Provides recommendations for therapeutic intervention in civil proceedings.

Consultancy experience

Consultancy projects in health psychology, global health, and mental health.

Dec 2022 – Present The psychology Collective, Director

Leading projects to create learning modules in pharmacy, conduct research, and deliver training in Scottish mental health services. Also involved in university teaching and international healthcare provider education, both virtually and in-person in Kathmandu, Nepal, and Dili, Timor-Leste. Collaborators include Glasgow Caledonian University, University of St. Andrews, The Change Exchange, and the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association.



SPECIALIST TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 Excellence in Report Writing, Bond Solon

2023 Courtroom Skills Training – Witness Familiarisation, Bond Solon

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Health and Care Professional Council (HCPC). Membership number: PYL039022
- British Psychological Society (BPS). Membership number: 428724
- Disclosure Scotland Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme. Membership number: 103316268770354
- Disclosure and Barring Service (England and Wales). Membership number: 001717370510
- Member of Expert Witness Institute