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**Chartered Clinical Psychologist
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British Psychological Society Membership: **208369**

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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS & EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

I am a clinical psychologist, neuropsychologist, systemic practitioner, and expert witness specialising in brain injury and mental capacity. I am a Special (Medical) Visitor to the Court of Protection and the Office of the Public Guardian, assessing mental capacity for the Court. I have prepared some 125 reports since 2019. Approximately 65% of my instructions are on behalf of the claimant. I am frequently called upon to provide evidence to the Parole Board in respect of those on indeterminate sentences for public protection and have given evidence in Crown Court. I also work as a treating clinician in medicolegal cases.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

2025 – present	University of Glasgow; PGCert Clinical Neuropsychology Practice
2025	Expert Witness Institute; Law for Experts; Experts' Discussions; Conferences with Counsel
2022 – 2025	Bond Solon; Report Writing; Courtroom Skills; Introduction to Civil Procedure Rules
2022 – 2023	Richman EMDR Training; Parts 1-3
2018 – 2021	University of Glasgow; PGDip Clinical Neuropsychology
2015 – 2016	Association for Family Therapy; PGCert Systemic Psychotherapy
2011 – 2014	University of Surrey; PsychD Clinical Psychology
2010 – 2011	Institute of Psychiatry; MSc Clinical Forensic Psychology
2003 – 2006	Royal Holloway, University of London; BSc (Hons) Psychology

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Jun 2021 – present Principal Clinical Psychologist, Barts Health NHS Trust

Providing neuropsychological assessment and intervention for a range of neurological conditions, including acquired brain injury, as part of the Tower Hamlets Community Neuro Team. Leading on mental capacity assessments and developing an MDT FND pathway.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Apr 2017 – May 2021 Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist, Homerton University Hospital NHS Trust

Providing neuropsychological assessment and intervention following brain injury. Leading on neurobehavioural risk assessment. Providing training on the Mental Capacity Act. Taking up membership of the Trust MCA/DoLS Working Party.

Jan 2017 – Aug 2017 Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist, London & North-West Healthcare NHS Trust

Conducting neuropsychological assessments. Providing post-diagnostic counselling and neuropsychological intervention. Assessing mental capacity and leading Best Interests meetings.

Jan 2017 – Mar 2017 Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist, West London Mental Health NHS Trust

Providing psychological assessment and intervention for a range of conditions, including psychosis. Conducting neuropsychological assessments in cases of suspected brain injury.

Jan 2015 – Dec 2016 Clinical Psychologist, South-West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Carrying out neuropsychological assessments, consultation and therapy to older adults, their families, and carers, with additional sessions in a Memory Assessment Service and a Family & Couple Therapy Clinic.

TEACHING & EXAMINING

- 2023 – present** External examiner for the Department of Psychology at the University of Karachi
- 2023 – present** Visiting lecturer at the University of Hertfordshire
- 2014 – 2020** Visiting lecturer at the University of Surrey

AWARDS

- 2011** FaNS Prize for a Forensic Mental Health Dissertation (Institute of Psychiatry)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Rahim, M., & Gunn, S. (Eds.). (in prep). Clinical neuropsychology essentials. Routledge, London, UK.

Gunn, S., Marsh, A., Rahim, M., & Wang, M. (Eds.). (2025). Routes into clinical neuropsychology: A guide for early-career psychologists. Routledge, London, UK.

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Rahim, M., & Cooke, A. (2020). Should clinical psychologists be political? In Curvis, W. (Ed.). *Professional issues in clinical psychology*. Routledge, London, UK.

Rahim, M. (2017). Social justice and equality: Preparing the next generations of psychologists to act. *Clinical Psychology Forum*, 299.

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O'Sullivan, M.F., Rahim, M., & Hall, C. (2015). The prevalence and management of poor sleep quality in a secondary care mental health population. *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine*, 11(2), 11-116.

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Rahim, M. (2014). Developmental trauma disorder: An attachment-based perspective. *Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, 19(4), 548-560.