

Dr Jennifer Crean

BSc (hons), DCLinPsy, CPsychol, AFBPsS

Chartered Clinical Psychologist



British Psychological Society Membership: **083939**

Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL04049**

Dr Crean qualified as a Clinical Psychologist in 2005 and has provided reports in Family and Criminal Proceedings, youth Court, Civil Court, and the Court of Protection, since 2008. She regularly accepts instructions from solicitors, barristers, and Local Authorities, and has completed over 500 reports. She has an extensive range of experience in assessing a wide variety of mental health difficulties by objective psychometric assessments and by clinical interview. She has appeared in Court in the capacity of an expert witness, is experienced in working with Intermediaries, and is Bond Solon trained. She has extensive clinical experience (both within the NHS and privately) of conducting comprehensive psychological assessments with individuals with Learning Disability, complex mental health difficulties, drug/alcohol problems, personality disorders and PTSD/Complex trauma.

Dr Crean also have experience in providing interventions using 'Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing' (EMDR); cognitive analytic (CAT), and Family Therapy/systemic approaches, training and consultation across the Northwest. She is experienced in working with young people and adults in both secure forensic and community facing settings, including prisons, secure care provisions, Youth Offending, Probation and Forensic out-reach.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Family:

- Assessment of Capacity to litigate
- Assessment of Cognitive functioning and impact on parenting and working with professionals
- Personality and psychological disorders in adults (incl. MCMI-IV)
- Assessment of Learning Disability in adults (WAIS-IV plus adaptive functioning)
- Addictions and substance misuse
- Domestic violence and dysfunctional relationships

- Risk assessment - risk of violent offending (HCR-20) & risk of sexual violence (RSVP)
- Possession Proceedings where disability or capacity are of concern

Criminal:

- Intellectual functioning (16+) and impact on functioning and understanding of their offending
- Fitness to Plead (mental capacity) and Malingering (TOMM)
- Mental Health assessment, intervention and impact on functioning and offending
- Offence focused assessment and intervention (e.g., sexual offending, murder, manslaughter, violence, domestic violence, PTSD/Complex Trauma and drugs and alcohol)
- Risk of harm to others and self
- Personality Disorder
- Developmental disorders (e.g., Learning Disability) and impact on functioning, understanding and offending.

Dr Crean is a Clinical Psychologist registered to practice with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). She received Chartered status from the British Psychological Society (BPS) in September 1999, and full membership of the Division of Clinical Psychology in September 2005. She received Associate Fellow (AFBPsS) status from the BPS in 2010. She qualified in 2005 as a Clinical Psychologist. Her first area of specialism was within adult Learning Disability/adult Mental Health.

Until September 2018, she was employed by Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust, as the Lead Psychologist for the Forensic Support Service, a consultancy service for Learning Disabled adults in contact with the Criminal Justice System for the Northwest area. Her most recent NHS post was with Pennine Care NHS Trust, after being recalled as part of the Covid-19 response, Consulting within Complex Safeguarding/Youth Offending/Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation teams in Greater Manchester.

For 7 years, she worked as the Lead Clinical Psychologist in South Manchester for Manchester Learning Disability Partnership, a joint NHS and social care service. Prior to training with Merseycare NHS, she worked with Older Adult services and Drug and Alcohol treatment services across Greater Manchester. Dr Crean has taught and acted as an examiner and clinical placement supervisor for the Universities of Manchester, Lancaster, and Liverpool Doctoral Training programmes.

Dr Crean has acted as an expert witness since 2008, assessing clients for diagnosis of learning disability, fitness to plead, and Mental Capacity Act assessments, including capacity to parent and capacity to conduct Court proceedings. She has worked on many NHS cases with clients who are involved in Court of Protection, Family Court, and Criminal Court matters.

She is experienced in conducting assessments of individuals presenting with aggression/violence/sexual violence, partner violence, personality disorder, at risk of suicide and self-harm, clients who present with cognitive deficits and cognitive functioning problems, and those presenting with symptoms of mental illness. She is trained and qualified to conduct various structured risk assessments including the Risk of Sexual Violence Protocol (RSVP); the Historical, Clinical Risk 20 (HCR-20); the

Assessment of Protective Factors in Risk of Violence (SAPROF) and the structured assessment of personality using the Millon Multi-axial Inventory (MCMI-IV).

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2005** Doctorate Clinical Psychology, University of Liverpool
- 2000** Certificate in Counselling, Arden College, Manchester
- 1999** BSc Hons Psychology Class Iii, University of Manchester

SPECIALIST TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 2021** Assessing Protective Parenting in the Context of Sexual Abuse, The Lucy Faithfull Foundation
- 2020** SAVRY – Assessment of Risk of Violence in Young People
- 2019** EMDR – Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing Therapy Training
- 2018** SAPROF – Protective factors in risk of violence training
- 2013 – 2014** Advanced Clinical Supervisor Training
Universities of Manchester, Liverpool & Lancaster Doctoral Training Programmes
- 2012** IABA Training (Institute for Applied Behavioural Analysis) Gary LaVigna
- 2011** Assessment of Parents who are Learning Disabled British Psychological Society
- 2010** HCR-20 – Risk of violence assessment training
- 2010** RSVP – Risk of Sexual Violence Protocol Training
- 2008 – 2011** Cardiff University/Bond Solon Expert Witness Training
- 2006 – 2007** Cognitive Analytic Therapy Training, ACAT Northwest
- 2000 – 2002** Motivational Interviewing Training, Dr Jan Moring

WORK HISTORY

Present	Lead Clinical Psychologist, GMMH NHS Trust, Homeless Mental Health Lead clinician for city centre-based MDT dealing with complex safeguarding referrals. Main issues: Substance misuse, offending, brain injury, domestic and gang violence, sex workers, refugee & asylum seekers, serious mental health problems & personality disorder, complex trauma. Joint work with housing, council & third sector.
2020 – 2022	Clinical Psychologist, Pennine Care NHS Trust/Manchester Resilience Hub Consultation in Trauma Informed Care to Complex Safeguarding/Youth Offending/Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation Teams In Greater Manchester
2008 – Present	Independent Expert Witness/Consultant Clinical Psychologist Accepting instructions nationwide from solicitors, the CPS, Local Authorities etc.
2012 – 2018	Principal Clinical Psychologist Lead for the Forensic Support Service, Merseycare NHS Trust, Lancs & Greater Mcr
2005 – 2012:	Principal Clinical Psychologist Lead for South Mcr area, Central Manchester Univ Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
2002 – 2005	Trainee Clinical Psychologist – Merseycare NHS/University of Liverpool Placements in Child & Family; adult Mental Health; Older Adult mental health; Learning Disability and Psychotherapy/Personality Disorder/Trauma
2002	Lead Research Assistant - Tameside General Hospital, Greater Manchester 'Accessing Drugs Services': a national study investigating quality of drug services
2000 – 2002	Lead Research Assistant - Drugs Northwest, Prestwich Hospital, Manchester RCT investigating the role of dexamphetamine compared to placebo, as a treatment for amphetamine dependency

- 1999 – 2000** Assistant Psychologist - Dept of Clinical Psychology, Prestwich Hospital
- Osteo-arthritis and quality of life in older adults. Work with older people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, and their carers.
- 1999** Research Assistant

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

- Moring, J; Barrowclough, C; Haddock, G; Roberts, C; Hopper, M; Telfer, I (2006) **Accessing Drugs Services: Needs and Views of Drug Service Users**. Final Report Submitted to the Department of Health & Drugs Misuse Research Institute 2006. (*Lead Research Assistant for this Study*)
- Crean, J & Kaiser, P (2005) **Working with clients who express prejudices: How best to respond?** PSIGE Newsletter, 92, December 2005. The British Psychological Society.
- Merrill, J; McBride, A; Pates, R; Peters, L; Tetlow, A; Roberts, C; Arnold, K; Crean, J; Lomax, S; Deakin, B (2004) **Dexamphetamine Substitution as a Treatment for Amphetamine Dependence: A Two-centre Randomised Controlled Trial**. Final Report Submitted to the Department of Health December 2004.

Conference Presentations

- Chester University, July 2005, Silver Jubilee Conference for Psychologist's Special Interest Group Working with Older People (PSIGE) Annual Conference
 Crean, J & Kaiser, P: **Working with clients who express prejudices: How best to respond?**
- Aston University, September 2006, Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology (SRIP) Annual Conference, Crean, J: **How do women understand their experiences of Pre-menstrual syndrome and what to do about it?**
- Rydal Hall, Ambleside Conference, July 2009, Blake, C & Crean, J: **Resilience in Team Working within Adult Learning Disability Services: A Focus Group Study using IPA**
- Lancashire Police Headquarters, November 2017, National Autistic Society Criminal Justice Forum, Crean, J & McNamara, N: **Greater Manchester & Lancashire Specialist Support Teams – Transforming Care for people with an LD or ASD**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (AFBPS) Reg. No. 083939
- Full member of the British Psychological Society's Division of Clinical Psychology
- Registered Clinical Psychologist with the Health Care Professions Council, Reg. No. PYL04049