

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR KIRSTY RUTH LOWE

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- I am Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council as a Clinical Psychologist and as a Forensic Psychologist. I am a Chartered Psychologist, Chartered Scientist and Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society.
- I provide expert evidence in criminal and family proceedings.
- I have over twenty years experience assessing adults (age 16 years and older) presenting with complex problems and, as an expert witness, in preparing and presenting written and oral evidence in family, magistrate, county and high courts, as well as providing evidence for the Appeal Court.
- I assess intellectual functioning (IQ), learning disability, memory, dysexecutive functioning, personality, mental health, depression, anxiety, anger management deficits, substance misuse, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and an Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
- In addition, I assess capacity to parent, capacity to work with professionals, motivation to change and also an individual's suitability for psychological treatment, as well as Factitious or Induced Illness behaviour, domestic violence and parenting stress.
- Other areas of assessment include malingering, suggestibility, risk of sexual and/or violent offending (including female sex offenders), fire-setting, sexual and physical abuse of children (including possession of indecent images) and terrorism.
- I also assess fitness to plead, capacity to consent to sexual relations, psychological harm in relation to people who are reported to be victims of crimes, including sexual and physical assault, rape, domestic violence and childhood sexual abuse.
- I am listed on the National Crime Agency, Specialist Operations Centre Expert Advisers database.
- I pride myself in providing evidence based, objective reports and meeting deadlines.
- I have also completed the Bond Solon Court Room Skills and Cross Examination Skills training events.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	
2009	Registered Practitioner Psychologist , The Health and Care Professions Council.
2007	Chartered Scientist , The British Psychological Society.
2001	Associate Fellow of The British Psychological Society.
2000	Chartered Forensic Psychologist , The British Psychological Society.
1994	Chartered Clinical Psychologist , The British Psychological Society.
1993	M. Sc. Clinical Psychology , University of Newcastle upon Tyne.
1989	B. A. (Hons) Psychology , University of Reading.
PROFESSIONAL ROLES – Full Time	
2008 - present	Consultant Clinical & Forensic Psychologist/Director , Expert Psychologists UK and Psychology Solutions.
2005 - 2008	Lead/Consultant Clinical Forensic Psychologist , Dept. of Psychology, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust, Teesside.
2001 - 2005	Consultant Clinical Forensic Psychologist , Kenneth Day Unit, Dept. of Psychological Therapies & Research, Northgate & Prudhoe NHS Trust, Morpeth.
1997 - 2001	Consultant Clinical Forensic Psychologist , Dept. of Psychological Therapies. The State Hospital, Carstairs, Lanarkshire.
1994 - 1997	Clinical Psychologist , Psychology Dept. Gogarburn Hospital, Edinburgh.
1993 - 1994	Clinical Psychologist , Psychology Dept. Lynebank Hospital, Fife.
1991 - 1993	Trainee Clinical Psychologist , University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
1990 - 1991	Assistant Psychologist , Psychology Dept., Ashworth Hospital, Merseyside.
1989 - 1990	Assistant Psychologist , States of Jersey Health and Social Services, Jersey.
PROFESSIONAL ROLES – Part Time	
2006 - 2008	Psycho-Social Support Team Advisor, Rapid Deployment Team. Red Cross/Foreign Commonwealth Office. Deployed twice to Zimbabwe.
2007 - 2013	Honorary Lecturer , Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology, University of Teesside.
2004 - 2005	Academic Tutor , Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology, University of Teesside.
2002	Consultant Clinical Forensic Psychologist , External Team reviewing Rampton Hospital's Learning Disability Service.
2001 - 2003	Honorary Lecturer , M. Sc. Forensic Psychology, Caledonian University, Glasgow.
TIMESCALES	
Circa 4-6 weeks from receipt of final letter of instruction and bundle to report, depending on the case and availability of GP records when required.	

Terms and Conditions

- Instructions with prior authority granted by the Legal Aid Agency (LAA) are charged at the LAA current rates for Expert Witness Psychologists of £93 per hour. For other cases, my fees are £115 per hour.
- Travelling time is calculated at £40 per hour or pro rata, at 45p per mile.
- Attendance at court is £350 for half a day and £600 for a full day.
- Cancellations of appointments, with less than 72 hours notice, are charged for the preparation time already incurred.
- Cancellation of court attendance, with less than 72 hours notice, will incur preparation time already incurred.
- Cancellation of court attendance, with less than 24 hours notice, will also incur a half day attendance fee.
- Payment is required with 60 days from receipt of my invoice and report, unless otherwise agreed in advance. Late payments may incur interest in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1988.