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Qualifications

Master of Laws, Northumbria University
Sep 2015 → Sep 2018
Doctor of Clinical Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry
Oct 2006 → Sep 2009
Bachelor of Arts, University of Oxford
Oct 2002 → Aug 2005

Career

Prior to joining UEA in September 2016, Peter was Head of Secure Services Inpatient Psychology, and Consultant Clinical Psychologist, at South Essex Partnership NHS Trust. This encompassed a service management role for psychology provision in all secure services within the trust, including a large low/medium secure unit in South Essex and two low secure units in Luton and Bedfordshire. As a Clinician working within this service, Peter gained significant experience in the assessment and treatment of offenders with mental health problems, including experience in using CBT for Psychosis on an individual basis within this population.

Since being at UEA, Peter has taken a range of leadership and management roles and retains significant responsibility for the operational management of the ClinPsyD programme. Presently (since October 2023) Peter is also working in the role of Admissions Director.

Peter is also leading the delivery of our Mental Health Law CPD programme, offered in partnership with the NHS, to support the development of multiprofessional Approved Clinicians within local and regional services.

Expert Witness Work

Peter has experience in providing reports and giving evidence in courts in both criminal and civil cases. In particular Peter has experience in completing assessments of risk for clients with complex histories of mental health difficulty and offending behaviours. Particular interests include assessments of clinical presentations of psychosis and personality disorder, as well as assessments of response style and factitious presentations (e.g. malingering). Peter has undergone specialist training in the application of a number of different clinical measures (including the International Personality Disorder Examination (IPDE), Psychopathy Checklist-Revised (PCL-R)), as well as structured assessments of risk (e.g. the HCR-20 for general violence and RSVP for sexual violence). Assessments for courts include assessments on effective participation within trial proceedings, clinical assessment and analysis of offending to contribute to understanding of mens rea, assessment of risk, and detailed clinical assessment to understand clinical vulnerabilities relevant in the commissioning of the offence, at interview, or in trial.

Peter has had experience in providing evidence in a range of court settings including Crown Courts, Magistrates Courts, Family Courts, the Coroner's court, and Mental Health Tribunals. Peter has also acted as an independent psychologist in assessment of clients for the Parole Board and given evidence in this context.

Safeguarding Adult Reviews

Since 2018, Peter has acted as the Independent Author for four Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) for Essex, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Adult Boards. These reviews considered clients where, prior to death, there had been a wide range of safeguarding concerns relating to issues including complex mental health problems, multi-agency working, homelessness and institutional practice.

Availability

Please contact Peter directly for current availability to act in the above matters. Any such work would be formally commissioned through UEA Consulting Partners.

Please note that Peter keeps a full university diary and it is unlikely he will have availability in any case for any work that requires a rapid turnaround.

Teaching Interests

Psychosis (particularly within a forensic context)
Personality disorder especially narcissism and formulation-driven approaches to assessment
Approaches to forensic assessment

Risk assessment of offending and violence
Safeguarding in complex mental health
Mental Capacity Act and Assessment
Mental Health Law