

Professional Profile



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFILE

Dr Hacker has extensive experience of Neuropsychology within the NHS across the entire care pathway of the brain injured client. He currently holds substantive NHS roles in the area of acute trauma and neurosurgery, specialising in traumatic brain injury. Dr Hacker currently works with both civilian and military patients at University Hospital Birmingham/Queen Elizabeth Hospital. He also has extensive experience and expertise in neuropsychological assessment for neurology and neurosurgery and works with clients with a range of neurological and degenerative conditions (e.g. Multiple sclerosis, encephalitis, Parkinson’s Disease, dementia, stroke and epilepsy). Dr Hacker has also worked within community brain injury and rehabilitation including the management of clients with problematic behaviours and poor engagement with services post-injury. He is currently the Consultant Neuropsychologist for inpatient and community Neurorehabilitation at West Park Hospital, Wolverhampton.

Dr Hacker has prepared expert reports for mental health review tribunals including those for restricted patients and prepared reports for the courts in both civil and criminal matters. These include assessments of acquired brain injury in civil compensation, assessment of capacity, assessment of fitness to plead and competency to stand trial, risk assessment, the impact of acquired brain injury on culpability in criminal proceedings and capacity to parent.

KEY SKILLS

Dr Hacker has expertise in the following areas:

- Neuropsychological assessment
- Risk assessment
- The assessment and treatment of challenging behaviour
- Cognitive rehabilitation
- Cognitive behavioural approaches to mental disorder
- Staff training

EDUCATION

- BSc (Hons) Psychology - (University of Glasgow, 1992 -1996)
- Doctorate in Clinical Psychology – (University of Warwick 2001 – 2004)
- Pg. Dip (Post Doctoral) in Clinical Neuropsychology – University of Glasgow 2007 – 2008)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Dr Hacker has worked for the past six years at the Neuroscience centre at University Hospital Birmingham conducting neuropsychological assessments for neurology and neurosurgery and working with individuals with a range of neurological conditions. Dr Hacker is also the lead psychologist for the traumatic brain injury at UHB where he works with both civilian and military patients. Dr Hacker is also the Consultant Neuropsychologist for inpatient and community post-acute rehabilitation in Wolverhampton. Previously he worked with the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust which specialises in working with brain injured clients who hard to engage or who present with problematic behaviour and risk issues following their acquired brain injury. Dr Hacker also has previous experience in working with brain injured patients and their families in the community as well as staff training for support staff working with offenders, brain injured clients and those who present with challenging behaviour.

Dr Hacker is an Honorary Lecturer with the Clinical Psychology Doctorate Programmes at both the University of Birmingham and the University of Coventry & Warwick and teaches in neuropsychology and neuroanatomy at the former. He also contributes to the forensic neuropsychology teaching on the Birmingham MSc in Neurorehabilitation. Dr Hacker supervises the Doctorate level research for both Clinical Psychology and Forensic Psychology Doctoral trainees. He has also provided teaching the MRCPsych training programme and contributed to the Royal College of Psychiatry online Continuing Professional Development training for psychiatrists. Dr Hacker has extensive previous experience in forensic psychology and mental health; he has a particular interest in Cognitive behavioural approaches to voices & delusions; assessment of risk and challenging behaviour; neuropsychological assessment tools. He is currently co-authoring the most recent Cochrane reviews of CBT for schizophrenia.

Dr Hacker has extensive experience within Adult Mental Health, both inpatient and community settings (CMTH, Rehabilitation and Assertive Outreach) working both directly with patients and on a consultancy basis. He has a particular expertise in severe and enduring mental health problems, risk and challenging behaviour and cognitive therapy and has published in peer reviewed journals in these areas.

PUBLICATION

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