



Helping you  
find the right  
medico-legal  
expert



*Transforming lives together*

# If you need a specialist mental health opinion, no other organisation can offer the quality and range of experts that St Andrew's can

Our specialist team of independent experts work directly with some of the most complex and challenging mental health patients in the country, which means they have the knowledge and expertise to provide you with the highest quality medico-legal reports.

We can quickly match you with the right expert to meet your medico-legal needs. We have over 30 mental health professionals who can provide comprehensive, independent mental health reviews and medico-legal reports for a wide range of proceedings.



## Civil proceedings we cover include:

- Personal Injury
- Capacity\*
- Road Traffic Accidents/Brain injury
- Historic Abuse
- Diagnosis and Treatment recommendations\*
- Childcare and Family proceedings
- Immigration/Asylum
- Inquests
- Military

## Criminal proceedings we cover include:

- Fitness to plead
- Suggestability
- Risk Assessments\*\*
- Diminished Responsibility
- Learning disability and ASD
- Recommendations for Disposal
- Mental State when offending
- Dangerousness
- Criminal Justice

## Other reports we can provide include:

- ✓ Mental Health Review Tribunals
- ✓ Parole Board Applications

\* Civil and Criminal Proceedings

\*\* Sexual, violence and reoffending



Over 80% of our medico-legal experts work full time at St Andrew's, supporting the most complex and challenging cases. The complexity of our patients allow our experts to draw on a huge range of clinical experience, enabling them to provide detailed medico-reports and the best recommendations for treatment.

5000

medico-legal reports submitted

10

years' experience of providing medico-legal services

We provide specialist, niche mental healthcare services, which for you means high quality medico-legal experts.

### Child & Adolescent Mental Health

- Fitzroy House is the largest and most innovative adolescent facility in the world
- Services that are purpose built for young people

### Brain injury

- Over 38 years' experience in brain injury
- Developed the innovative neurobehavioural approach
- Only provider with a dedicated female brain injury ward

### Deaf

- Only provider of medium secure mental health services
- Dr Alex Hamilton, our medico-legal expert, is a British Sign Language (BSL) Clinician
- Access to a range of on-ward BSL qualified interpreters

### Learning disability & ASD

- Our clinicians can offer IQ testing
- We employ more specialist ASD staff compared to any other UK mental health organisation
- 13 specialist ASD & learning disability medico-legal experts

900

beds across four locations

178

years' experience of providing mental healthcare

10%

of our patients are from outside England

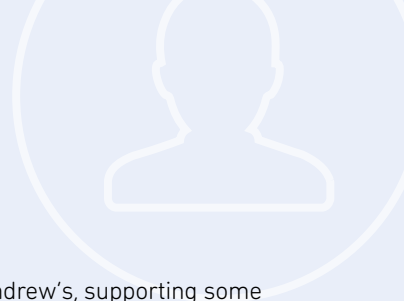
4,500

staff in a range of clinical and non-clinical roles

1st

specialist provider of secure ASD and Women's services

# Our extensive range of civil experts



With over 30 experts to choose from, St Andrew's can provide an expert witness for a wide range of civil proceedings including historic abuse cases, personal injury and medical negligence, road traffic accidents, immigration and asylum cases, and tribunals. Our clinicians can also provide expert reports at inquests, for military related civil cases and in child and family cases. Our in-depth reports draw on our experts' clinical

experience from their work at St Andrew's, supporting some of the most complex mental health patients in the UK.

Our case management team support from the point of enquiry to completion – including addendum reports, conference with Counsel, expert discussions, joint statements and can attend court if required. All experts comply with the Civil Procedure Rules.

## › Historic Abuse

Our historic abuse medico-legal reports will look at the sexual, mental and emotional abuse that the claimant may have suffered. This may involve possible breaches in the duty of care from local authorities.

### The report will cover:

- life prior to the abuse
- impact on employability
- diagnosis and prognosis
- recommendations for compensation.
- recommendations for future treatment

### Dr Ash Roychowdhury

Dr Roychowdhury has been a Consultant Psychiatrist since 2003, working in forensic services where the majority of patients have either experienced multiple childhood trauma and/or perpetrated sexual or violent trauma to others. This has enabled him to deliver numerous medico-legal reports on the effects of historical trauma.

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### Other Historic Abuse experts:

- Dr Paul Wallang
- Dr Paula Murphy

## › Personal Injury and Medical Negligence

We can provide reports for clients with a recognised psychiatric injury as a result of an accident or through medical negligence.

### The report will cover:

- the extent to which the incident contributed to or exacerbated a psychiatric injury
- prognosis and the treatment options available
- impact on employability.

### Dr Paul Wallang

Dr Wallang is a Consultant Psychiatrist with extensive experience of working with both male and female patients with complex mental health problems.

Dr Wallang has varied experience of complex medical negligence cases and personal injury. He can also assess testamentary capacity (will writing).

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### Other Personal Injury/ Medical Negligence experts include:

- Dr Alexandra Getz
- Dr Paula Murphy
- Dr Andrew Iles

## › Military

A court report could be commissioned for Court Martials, looking at the mental health of service personnel for family court proceedings, negligence or criminal injury work.

### The report will cover:

- current mental health and need for any treatment
- extensive development and trauma history
- prognosis
- complete review of military career, deployments and traumatic exposure.

### Dr Peter McAllister

Dr McAllister is a dual qualified Consultant Forensic and General Adult Psychiatrist with over twenty years' experience in the UK Armed Forces. Specialising in PTSD, substance misuse and serious adjustment order, Dr McAllister can provide expert opinion to courts in civil and military cases.

Within the British Army, Dr McAllister was a Consultant Advisor in Psychiatry (Colonel) and frequently engaged with the media and government ministers.

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## › Road Traffic Accidents and Brain injury

An expert report will look at whether the claimant has any significant cognitive or psychological effects that may be attributed to an acquired brain injury, based on assessment, testing and in-depth review of medical records.

### The report will cover:

- a comprehensive assessment – at the National Brain Injury Centre, Northampton
- full neuropsychological testing – to assess pre-morbid ability, current reasoning ability, information processing and memory.

### Dr Keith Jenkins

Dr Jenkins is a Clinical Neuropsychologist with over 25 years' experience of rehabilitating patients. He has carried out neuropsychological assessments for the Court in connection with civil litigation and provided expert opinion on injury, liability and mental capacity. Dr Jenkins is on the Specialist Register of the Division of Clinical Neuropsychology.

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### Other Brain injury experts include:

- Dr Geraldine D'Souza
- Dr Jyoti Evans
- Dr Anand Ragunathan

## › Immigration/Asylum

For immigration/asylum cases, we will examine the client's mental health and whether they are suffering from any specific trauma of psychological illness.

### The report will cover:

- mental health at the time of and during detention
- diagnosis and treatment needs (current, immediate future and long term)
- prognosis and any psychiatric damage caused by detention.

### Dr Carlo Thomas

Dr Thomas is a Consultant Psychiatrist who has previously provided psychiatric support at the Colnbrook Detention Centre and consultation to the Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre. Dr Thomas is well informed on the relevant immigration and asylum legislation.

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### Other Immigration/Asylum experts:

- Dr Raj Iyer

## › Inquests

We can provide solicitors and the Coroner's Office with an expert opinion on the mental health of the deceased following an unexplained death or suicide, based on a comprehensive paperwork review.

### The report will cover:

- diagnosis and treatment
- causation
- adequacy of risk assessments
- claims against medical trusts/prisons.
- breach of duty/human rights

### Dr Alexandra Getz

Dr Getz is a dual qualified General Adult and Liaison Psychiatrist. Her civil experience spans historic physical and sexual abuse, neglect, injury at work, bullying, institutional neglect and misfeasance. She currently runs two female personality disorder units and is a dialectical behavioural therapist.

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### Other Inquest experts:

- Dr Paul Wallang
- Dr Peter McAllister

## › Childcare and Family Proceedings

Our experts will look at the level of cognitive functioning, interpersonal relationships and the current mental health of the parent/carer. They will establish parenting capacity and any history that may contribute to their difficulties, such as substance abuse or forensic history.

### The report will cover:

- diagnosis
- an assessment of their capacity to sign an agreement with the local authority.
- risk assessment to themselves and others
- recommendations for treatment, therapy and support

### Dr Jane Radley

Dr Radley has spent the last ten years with St Andrew's, establishing low secure ASD services. Dr Radley specialises in civil cases regarding adults with learning disability or ASD who have been abused or where there are questions about their capacity.

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### Other Childcare and Family experts:

- Dr James Fowler
- Dr Avril McAlees

## › Criminal Law medico-legal experts

In addition to our civil law experts, we have a wide range of clinicians with extensive experience in all aspects of criminal law including:

- Fitness to Plead
- Diminished Responsibility
- Mental State when offending
- Dangerousness
- Suggestability
- Mental Health Assessments.

We can support legal teams, the courts, coroners, the CPS and the police with a wide range of medico-legal reports.

### Dr Nuwan Galappathie

Dr Galappathie is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist who is highly experienced in providing criminal law reports. He has been instructed as an expert witness in over 1,000 criminal proceedings, including a large number of murder trials and high profile cases.

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### Other Criminal Law experts include:

#### Psychiatrists

Dr Boris Iankov

Dr Sally Foster

Dr Carlo Thomas

Dr Marco Picchioni

#### Psychologists

Dr Carly Wilson

Dr Avril McAlees

Dr Lucy Warner

Dr Jyoti Evans

## Excellence and satisfaction guaranteed

We aim to deliver an outstanding service by putting quality, integrity and relationships at the heart of our approach. Acting as a one-stop-shop, our service can deal with your enquiries quickly and efficiently.

### Our expert case handlers will manage your case from start to finish

Our experienced case handlers will guide you through the process to ensure you receive the highest quality medico-legal report. With efficient systems and processes in place, they individually manage a caseload of up to 60 cases at any time.

They liaise daily with the CPS, solicitors, police, health professionals, barristers and judges and will be your point of contact from enquiry through to completion, answering any questions you may have along the way.

### The St Andrew's medico-legal case handlers are:

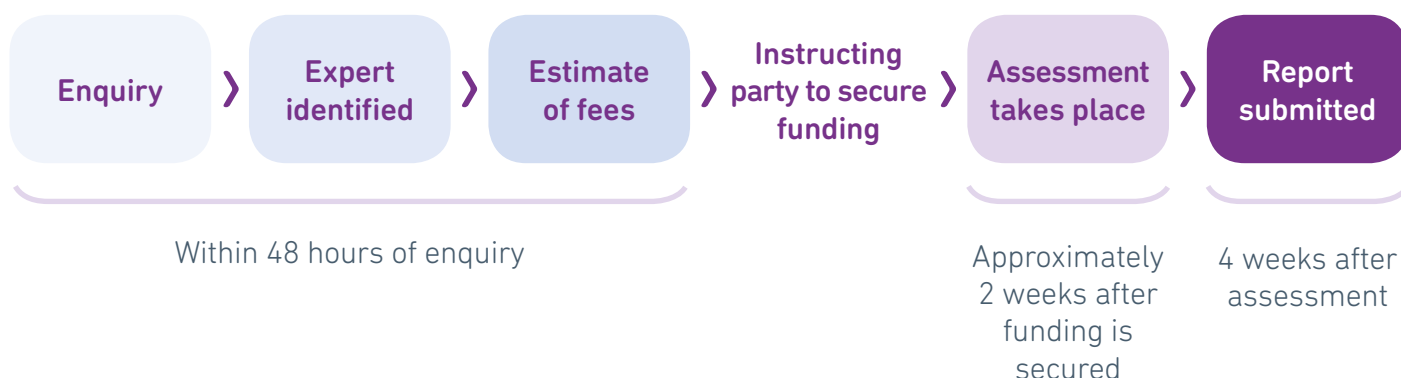
Corrie-Anna Stirling

Kelly Emmanuel

Abigail Gowen

Sue McConnell,  
Coordinator

### The case handling process





## Complete expert guide

Our clinicians can provide medico-legal reports for both criminal and civil cases

		Historic Abuse	Personal injury	Military	RTA/Brain injury	Immigration/Asylum	Childcare/Family	Inquests	Capacity	Criminal
		Proceedings								
Psychiatrists	Specialism									
	Dr Ana-Maria Ilea	Adolescent							✓	✓
	Dr Boris Iankov	Adolescent				✓			✓	✓
	Dr Ash Roychowdhury	Adolescent	✓							
	Dr Marco Picchioni	Mental Health							✓	✓
	Dr Jane Radley	ASD/LD					✓		✓	
	Dr Geraldine D'Souza	Brain injury			✓				✓	
	Dr Alex Hamilton	Deaf							✓	✓
	Dr Shubhinder Shergill	ASD/LD	✓					✓		✓
	Dr Katina Anagnostakis	Mental Health	✓		✓					
	Dr Stephen Attard	Mental Health							✓	✓
	Dr Andrew Iles	Mental Health		✓		✓				
	Dr Peter McAllister	Military			✓			✓	✓	✓
	Dr Nuwan Galappathie	ASD/LD				✓			✓	✓
	Dr Sanjith Kamath	Mental Health							✓	
	Dr Alexandra Getz	Mental Health	✓	✓				✓		
	Dr Vishelle Kamath	Brain injury			✓					
	Dr Paula Murphy	Mental Health	✓	✓						✓
	Dr Anand Ragunathan	Brain injury			✓				✓	
	Dr Paul Wallang	ASD/LD	✓	✓				✓		✓
	Dr Carlo Thomas	ASD/LD				✓			✓	✓
	Dr Madhusudan Thalitaya	Mental Health							✓	
	Dr Rajesh Rama Iyer	Mental Health				✓			✓	
	Dr Ali Isa Alfaraj	Mental Health	✓			✓			✓	✓
	Dr Sally Foster	Mental Health								✓
	Dr Elizabeth Beber	ASD/LD								✓
Psychologists	Dr James Fowler	Mental Health	✓				✓			✓
	Dr Keith Jenkins	Brain injury		✓		✓				
	Charlotte Staniforth	Adolescent							✓	✓
	Dr Carly Wilson	Adolescent							✓	✓
	Dr Jyoti Evans	Brain injury		✓		✓				✓
	Dr Avril McAlees	Adolescent					✓		✓	✓
	Dr Lucy Warner	Adolescent							✓	✓
	Dr Lucy Pomroy	ASD/LD							✓	✓

Find out more about all of our experts, visit [stah.org/expert-witnesses](http://stah.org/expert-witnesses)

St Andrew's is a registered charity in the UK. This allows us to make the right decisions about where to invest time, money and research to make a positive impact for mental health and to provide world class care.



In 2016, St Andrew's was awarded **Mental Health Hospital of the Year**

Over the last 10 years,  
we have invested



**£200 million**  
in our treatment  
infrastructure



St Andrew's  
Healthcare is a  
teaching hospital

## Getting in touch

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