

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 and criminal proceedings. 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.

› 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 Paula Murphy

With extensive medico-legal experience in both civil and criminal matters, Dr Murphy has provided a number of psychiatric assessments on the impact of abuse/neglect and historic sexual abuse. Her work also includes diagnosis and treatment recommendations.

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Other Historic Abuse experts:

- Dr Katina Agnostakis
- Anand Ragunathan

› 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 Anand Ragunathan

Dr Ragunathan's experience in neuropsychiatry focussed his medico-legal work on personal injury and medical negligence cases. In addition, Dr Ragunathan has developed expertise in historic sexual abuse cases, neuro developmental disorders including adult ADHD and has experience of working with clients on personal injury claims due to clinical negligence.

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Other Personal Injury/ Medical Negligence experts include:

- Dr Paula Murphy
- Dr Shubhinder Shergill
- Dr James Fowler

› 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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› Immigration/Asylum

For immigration/asylum cases, we will examine the client's mental health and whether they are suffering from any specific trauma or 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 Rajesh Rama Iyer
- 👤 Dr Nuwan Galappathie

› 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

› 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 Shubhinder Shergill

Dr Shergill's medico-legal expertise covers criminal proceedings for the prosecution and defence including:

Fitness to plead and stand trial, mental health diagnosis and capacity, risk assessments, sentencing and disposal options.

Dr Nuwan Galappathie

Dr Galappathie is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and has been instructed as an expert witness in over 1,000 criminal proceedings, including a number of murder trials and high profile cases.

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Other Criminal Law experts include:

Psychiatrists

- Dr Paula Murphy
- Dr Sally Foster

- Dr Carlo Thomas
- Dr Marco Picchioni

Psychologists

- Dr Carly Wilson
- Dr Avril McAlees

- Dr Lucy Warner
- Dr Jyoti Evans

All experts:

- Comply with the Civil Procedure Rule
- Are Section 12 approved

Check out our range of experts who can undertake Mental Health Review Tribunals on page 7.

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

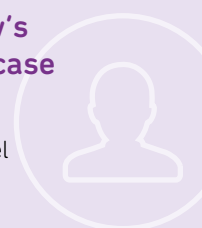
Our experienced case handlers will guide you through the process to ensure you receive the highest quality medico-legal report. With efficient systems and processes in place, they individually manage a caseload of up to 60 cases at any time.

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.

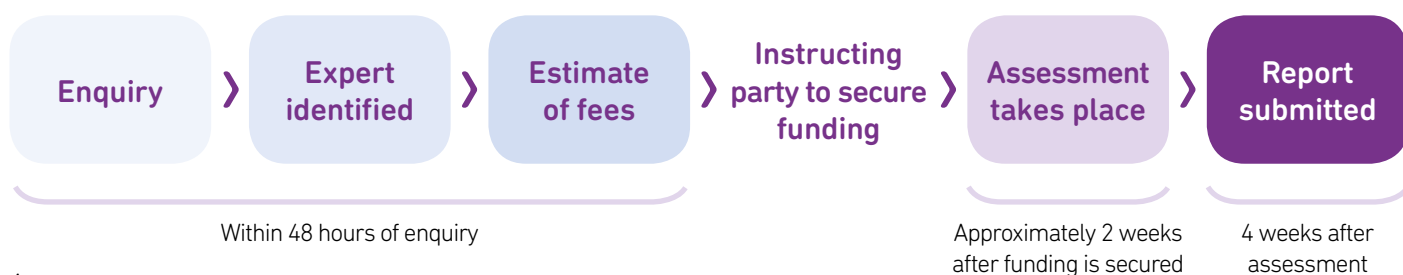
They liaise daily with the CPS, solicitors, police, health professionals, barristers and judges and will be your point of contact from enquiry through to completion, answering any questions you may have along the way.

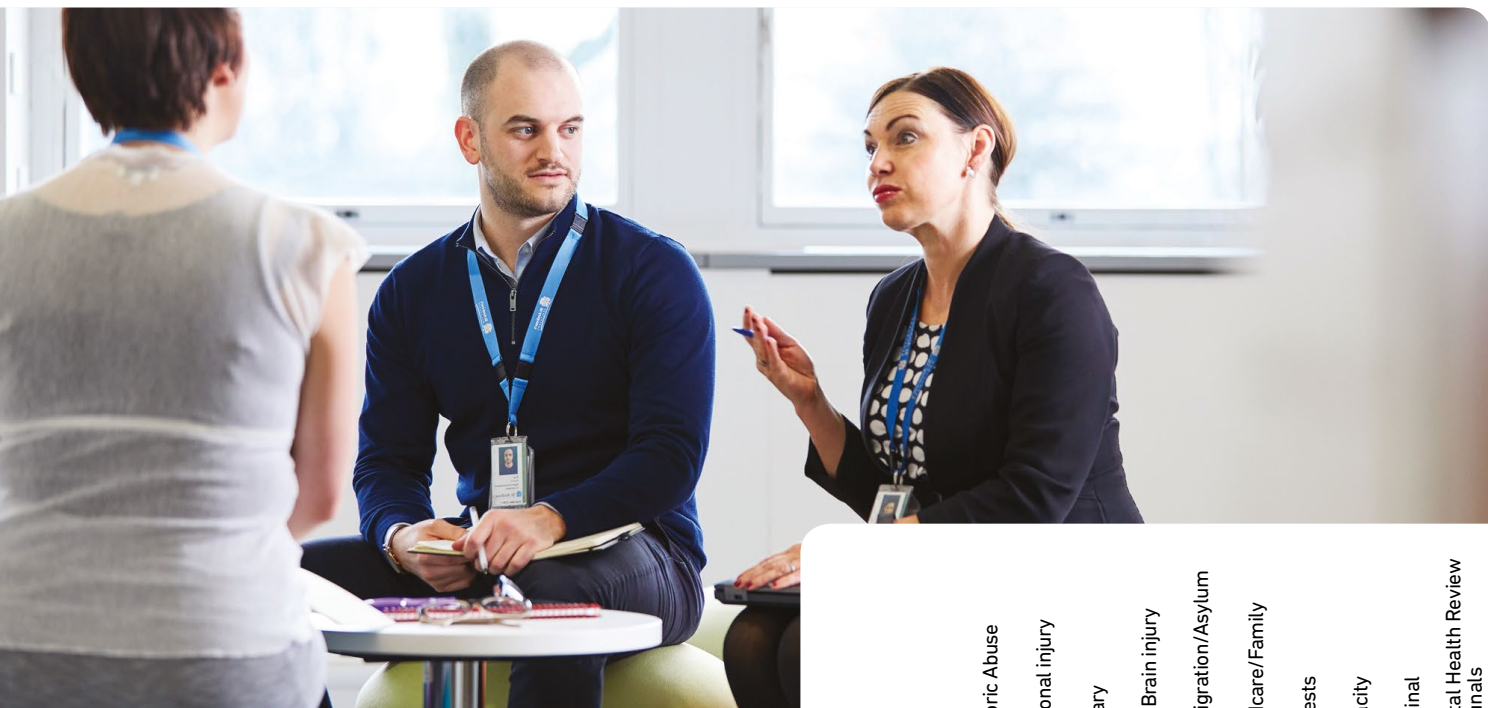
The St Andrew's medico-legal case handlers are:

- Kelly Emmanuel
- Abigail Gowen
- Ellie Cartwright



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	Mental Health Review Tribunals
		Specialism	Proceedings								
Psychiatrists	Dr Ana-Maria Ilea	Adolescent							✓	✓	✓
	Dr Boris Iankov	Adolescent				✓			✓		✓
	Dr Ash Roychowdhury	Adolescent	✓								
	Dr Jonathan Baggott	Adolescent	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
	Dr Urmila Bhoskar	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 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 Rangunathan	Brain injury			✓				✓	✓	
	Dr Paul Wallang	ASD/LD	✓	✓				✓		✓	
	Dr Carlo Thomas	ASD/LD				✓			✓	✓	✓
	Dr Madhusudan Thaltaya	Mental Health							✓		
	Dr Rajesh Rama Iyer	Mental Health				✓			✓		✓
	Dr Ali Isa Alfaraj	Mental Health	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓
	Dr Sally Foster	Mental Health								✓	✓
	Dr Simmi Sachdeua-Mohan	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

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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