

Mental Health Expert Witness Reports



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Mental health is often a significant feature in complex legal proceedings. Questions may arise around capacity and responsibility, as well as the lasting impact of psychiatric injury. Physical injury can also influence pre-existing or underlying mental health conditions. Our mental health associate experts bring years of clinical and medico-legal experience to cases where these factors complicate the overall picture and are central to determining needs and outcomes.

Our experts are instructed in a wide range of cases where mental health is a central issue. They can provide opinion on matters such as;

- **Capacity and decision-making**, including assessments of an individual's ability to engage in legal proceedings
- **Responsibility and risk**, including diminished responsibility and assessments under the Mental Health Act
- **Psychological injury**, such as PTSD, depression and anxiety arising from accidents, workplace incidents and other traumatic events
- **Clinical negligence**, including delayed or missed diagnoses, treatment errors and the consequences of inadequate or inappropriate care
- **Family and safeguarding issues**, such as parental capacity assessments, the impact of mental health difficulties on children, and risk assessments within child protection cases
- **Neurodevelopmental and cognitive conditions**, including autism, ADHD, dementia and acquired or traumatic brain injury
- **Workplace and tribunal matters**, including psychiatric injury in employment disputes and fitness to practise hearings.

Our approach

Our experts undertake thorough reviews of medical records, gather histories and backgrounds, and, where required, carry out face-to-face assessments.

Each report is carefully tailored to the issues in question, ensuring that opinions are robust and grounded in specialist expertise. We make our reasoning transparent, our conclusions well-evidenced, and our recommendations clear and practical.

Alongside extensive clinical knowledge, our experts bring an appreciation of the human impact of mental health difficulties. Assessments are carried out with sensitivity and respect for the individual, recognising the personal and often challenging circumstances behind each case.

You can find out more about our mental health reports and expert witnesses here

