

Dr. Danny Allen



Dr. Allen is a Consultant Adult & Addictions Psychiatrist. He consults for Phoenix Mental Health Services/Cardinal Clinic.

He is fully trained and experienced in report writing and regularly appears as an expert witness in family proceedings. Dr. Allen founded Allen Associates (as Dr D S Allen Psychiatric Practice) in 1992.

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Curriculum Vitae

Qualifications: MB BS LLM MRCGP FRCPsych

Accreditation: Approved clinician status for the purposes of section 145(1)(including approval under section 12(2)) of the Mental Health Act 1983. Cardiff University accredited Expert Witness (Civil). Medico-legal Expert Witness Certificate (Family) from City University and Inns of Court School of Law.

Memberships: British Association for Psychopharmacology, Expert Witness Institute, Academy of Experts, Society of Expert Witnesses, Institute of Directors & Royal Society of Medicine (Fellow).

Areas of Expertise: Mental Illness, Personality Disorder, Alcohol and Drug Misuse.

I trained as a doctor at The Middlesex Hospital Medical School, University of London. I worked as a GP in Australia and did medicine and paediatrics in New Zealand. In the UK I spent some years working in A & E, orthopaedics and ENT before I qualified as a general practitioner after training in Reading and Basingstoke.

I trained as a psychiatrist in Basingstoke and Bristol and completed a master's in mental health law in 2005. I have been in medico-legal practice for over 20 years and have been a consultant for almost 18 years. I am trained in report writing and court work and produce approximately 120 reports a year for the courts.

I spent over 10 years working in a community mental health team in the NHS, latterly combining this with rehabilitation psychiatry. I then worked in an Assertive Outreach Team and was instrumental in setting up a Community Acute Service (an Acute Day Hospital combined with a Crisis and Home Treatment Service), also in the NHS, both of which I worked in for almost 7 years. I then worked for a year in an Immigration Removal Centre treating doing psychiatry and addictions.

I now work in private practice in Wooburn Green, near High Wycombe and keep up to date in psychiatry and expert work through Continuing Professional Development. I also do work for the Royal College of Psychiatrists. I have published a number of papers and these, as well as my LLM dissertation, are available for viewing - see below.

I specialise in family work and provide reports primarily in public law cases per year. Much of my work concerns people with drug and alcohol problems. I also see people whose main problems are mental illness or personality disorder. I appear in court regularly, mainly in public law cases.

I also prepare reports in personal injury cases. Though most of my work has been for claimants I am very open to working for any party or as a Single Joint Expert. The diagnoses most often encountered in these cases are Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depression, Specific Phobia, and Adjustment Disorder.

I also see a number of people for reports in criminal cases, including where sexual offending plays a role and act as a mentor for junior associates who do reports. I have undertaken a number of cases for Customs and Excise and the Crown Prosecution Service, including alleged rapes and murders.

I see people before Employment and Housing Tribunals with alleged work related conditions, including where bullying is alleged. I also provide reports for Occupational Health Physicians, Insurance Companies and in clinical negligence cases where a psychiatric condition is at issue.