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FRANZCP CCT MRCPsych MBBS

Consultant Psychiatrist

Tertiary Qualifications	FRANZCP Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists	2021
	CCT (Certificate of Completion of Training) in Forensic Psychiatry General Medical Council on the recommendation of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK	2011
	MRCPsych Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK	2008
	MBBS Manipal Academy of Higher Education	2002
Current Position Held	Consultant in Psychiatry Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health Service (Forensicare)	4 Nov 2019-current

I am currently working as a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist within a maximum-security male prison in Victoria. My role involves working on a 30-bed prison based psychosocial rehabilitation unit and conducting 4 outpatient clinics per week within the same prison.

Additional responsibilities include:

- Being an accredited RANZCP supervisor of psychiatric registrars and provide them with clinical supervision.
- Chairing the local Best Care Committee meetings.
- Representing the prisons on the Medicines Safety Management Committee.
- Regular attendance at the peer supervision and senior management meetings and educational events as part of my Continuous Professional Development activities.
- Participation in the on-call Consultant rota.



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Previous Positions
Held

Consultant in Psychiatry
The Priory Hospital, Middleton St George, Darlington, U.K. 1 Sept-31
Oct 2019

I was the Consultant Psychiatrist and the Responsible Clinician for 10 inpatients on a specialist female DBT (Dialectical Behaviour Therapy) ward for women with Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder (EUPD) presenting with severe self-harming behaviours at the Priory Hospital (in the independent sector).

Consultant in Psychiatry
Roseberry Park Hospital, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust, Middlesbrough, U.K. 16 Jan
2012-16
Aug 2017

I have been a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist within the male and female low secure services at Roseberry Park Hospital, Middlesbrough, UK from January 2012 to August 2017.

Throughout this period, I was also the Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist at the maximum security female prison in Durham (HMP Low Newton) and the lead psychiatrist for the prison based Primrose Program (DSPD program- Dangerous and Severe Personality Disorder program) which is the only such program for female prisoners in the UK.

Higher Specialist Training in Forensic Psychiatry
(West of Scotland Higher Specialist Training Program 6 Aug
2008-15
Jan 2012

- Leverndale Hospital, (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde), Glasgow, UK
- The State Hospital (NHS Scotland), Carstairs, Lanark, UK
- Rowanbank Medium Secure Clinic (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde), Glasgow, UK
- Ailsa Hospital (NHS Ayrshire and Arran), Ayr, UK

Assessment and management of patients within the forensic inpatient services and the prison estate.

Basic Specialist Training in Psychiatry (Southeast of Scotland Core Psychiatry Training Program 3 Aug
2005-5
Aug 2008
NHS Fife and NHS Lothian

I was involved in the assessment and management of patients across various psychiatric sub-specialities and various settings

Senior House officer in adult psychiatry
The Maudsley and King's College Hospitals, South London and Maudsley NHS Trust, London, UK officer 4 Jan
2005- 29
July 2005

I carried out comprehensive mental state assessments and formulation of treatment plans



Medicolegal Experience

I have carried out psychiatric assessments and prepared comprehensive psychiatric reports over the last 14 years (in both Australia and the UK) as follows:

- An independent expert witness in matters relating to fitness to stand trial and mental impairment.
- Pre-sentencing reports.
- Psychiatric reports for the Adult Parole Board.
- Psychiatric reports for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Agency, UK
- Psychiatric reports for the Mental Health Review Tribunal Hearings.
- Providing oral evidence as an expert witness in both civil and criminal court proceedings.

Publications

I was involved in data collection for a study which evaluated a screening tool which had been developed to detect Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Scottish prison population. This study led to the publication of a paper in May 2012 on '*Evaluation of a Screening Instrument for Autism Spectrum Disorders in Prisoners*'.

June 2011- '*Admission Characteristics of Patients with Learning Disability Admitted to The State Hospital over 20 years (1988- 2007)*'

This retrospective and descriptive study described the demographic, psychiatric and criminogenic characteristics of people with a Learning Disability admitted to the State Hospital over a 20 year period and aimed to identify any change in admission trends over the two decades. This study provided an interesting insight into how significant developments in the methods of diagnosing patients with learning disabilities coupled with the expansion of medium, low and community forensic learning disability services in Scotland appeared to have influenced the typology of patients admitted in the latter half of the study period.

June 2009- '*Characteristics of Female Patients Admitted to Medium Secure Setting: An Eight-Year Study in Scotland's First Medium Secure Unit*'

This retrospective and descriptive study analysed the demographic, psychiatric and criminogenic characteristics of 42 female patients admitted to medium security over an 8 year period (Jan 2001-Jan 2009). The results favoured the idea of developing a national medium secure service than regional units for female offenders. Owing to the characteristics of the group (victims of sexual abuse and self-harming behaviour) the study strongly supported the idea of single sex wards.

I presented my findings as a poster and this won the Best Poster Award at the 9th Annual Conference of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Edinburgh, UK, in June 2009.



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