



DR DEVIKA COLWILL

CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRIST

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GMC NO: 6059543

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
(2016 - Present)



EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Autism
- ADHD
- Chronic pain
- PTSD

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 18+

- Clinical assessments
- Remote assessments
- Home visits
- Prison visits
- Criminal cases
- Screening reports
- Desktop reports
- Family cases

BILINGUAL:

- ✿ English
- ✿ Hindi
- ✿ Malayalam

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EXPERT RATIO

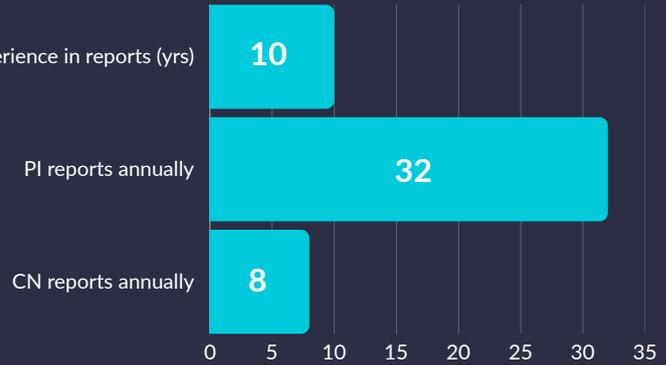


CLAIMANT 40%
DEFENDANT 60%



PI 60%
CLIN NEG 40%

Years of experience in reports (yrs)



*Annual report from 2024



VENUES:



- 18 Clermont Road, Brighton, BN1 6SG
- 9 Coldbath Square, London, EC1R 5HL

FURTHER INFO:

- Court experience
- Bond Solon trained
- Legal Aid (LAA)
- Personal Injury
- Clinical Negligence:
 - Causation
 - Liability
 - Breach of Duty
 - Condition & Prognosis

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CASES RELATING TO:

Personal injury and clinical negligence relating to:

- Mental Health Act law-related issues, including civil sections 2, 3, and forensic sections, including 37, 41, and interim hospital order 38 and 48/49
- Whiplash Associated Disorder (WAD)
- Soft tissue injury
- Stroke
- Spinal injury-related psychiatric sequelae:
 - Disc prolapse
 - Degenerative Disc Disease (DDD)
 - Spinal cord injury
 - Paraplegia
 - Post-operative spinal complications (e.g. infection)
- Chronic pain-related psychiatric sequelae:
 - Functional impairment
 - Road Traffic Accident (RTA)
 - Workplace accidents
 - Loss of function
 - Sleep disturbance
 - Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES)
 - Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS)
 - Neck and back pain
 - Shoulder pain
 - Chronic post-traumatic headache (CPTHA)
 - Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI)
 - Abdominal pain
 - Failed Back Surgery Syndrome (FBSS)
- Psychotic disorders:
 - Schizophrenia
 - Delusional disorder
 - Schizoaffective disorder
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD):
 - With/without learning difficulties
 - Information processing issues
- Bipolar disorder
- Trauma/stressor-related disorders:
 - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
 - Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD)
 - Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD)
 - Separation Anxiety Disorder
 - Acute stress disorder
 - Adjustment disorder
 - Generalised Anxiety Disorder (GAD)
 - Panic disorder
 - Phobic disorder (e.g. health-related phobias, agoraphobia)
 - Depressive disorder
 - Somatic symptom disorder
 - Fear-avoidant behaviours impacting daily functioning
- Addictions:
 - Drugs misuse
 - Alcohol misuse
- Substance-induced mental disorders:
 - Psychosis
 - Mood disorders
 - Anxiety disorders
 - Cognitive impairment
- Capacity to:
 - Make medical decisions
 - Manage finances
 - Decide on residence or care
 - Execute a will (testamentary capacity)
 - Grant lasting power of attorney

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Devika Colwill is a Consultant Psychiatrist with a decade of experience as an Expert Witness, primarily working on complex and high-value cases. She is certified by Bond Solon and is an Inspire Medilaw-accredited civil expert witness.

Dr Colwill accepts instructions from both claimants and defendants and regularly provides evidence on condition and prognosis, attributable loss, causation, liability, and breach of duty in personal injury and clinical negligence claims.

Dr Colwill covers the full breadth of psychiatry, including, but not limited to, depressive disorder, spinal injury-related psychiatric sequelae, and stroke. She has particular specialist knowledge of autism, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), chronic pain, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Dr Colwill also has extensive experience with Mental Health Tribunal hearings, encompassing both civil and forensic sections of the Mental Health Act. She is a leading expert in neurodiversity, including conditions such as autism and ADHD, and has built a reputation for her methodical and evidence-based reporting style.

She is available to provide oral evidence in court when required.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Colwill is a general adult Consultant Psychiatrist with over 20 years of clinical experience in mental health. She has been a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists since 2009, with an endorsement in liaison psychiatry (psychological medicine). As a mark of distinction and in recognition of her contributions to psychiatry, Dr Colwill was awarded a fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2022.

She is approved by the Secretary of State under Section 12 (2) of the Mental Health Act (1983) as having specialist experience in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. Dr Colwill has served as a lead consultant for high-dependency psychiatric rehabilitation services for four and a half years.

She was also responsible for the care of patients with Autism and comorbid conditions, which accounted for about a quarter of the patients in the rehab service. She has also provided a liaison service with the complex case review panel and risk panel at Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. This involved the regular preparation of reports concerning capacity to consent to treatment, capacity in relation to finances and property and criteria for detention, as well as complex case reviews and second opinion reports often spanning decades of information with multiple diagnoses and risks.

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In her most recent role as a Community Consultant Psychiatrist, she conducted approximately 350 referral assessments a year for a large catchment area predominantly consisting of patients with mood disorders, psychosis, somatisation and complex PTSD.

Dr Colwill has worked in general psychiatric and forensic stepdown services, including community care, crisis and inpatient care, early intervention in psychosis, child and adolescent psychiatric services, substance misuse services, high security forensic services, psychiatric intensive care units, neurodevelopmental and neuropsychiatric services, and maternal mental health. She regularly provides teaching, training and presentations at courses, conferences and academic meetings both nationally and internationally.