

# **Advanced Assessments Ltd**

Expert witnesses and Psychologists

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## **Expert Witness Services for Personal Injury Lawyers**

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We provide the most comprehensive personal injury expert witness service in the United Kingdom. You will have access to a multi-disciplinary team of leading psychologists, human resource experts, psychiatrists, occupational health physicians and medical specialists. Our expert witness service encompasses the whole range of your personal injury claim needs. We provide timely and comprehensive reports for employment tribunals, county court and high court claims.

We work in the following markets:

- Private sector
- NHS
- Central government
- Local government
- Charities and social enterprises

We are often instructed to report on claims arising out of road traffic accidents, working conditions, restructuring, workplace stress, bullying and discrimination. We assess rehabilitation after illness and make recommendations on reasonable adjustments.

We regularly prepare medico-legal reports on *adults* and *children* in personal injury claims. We assess Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, and mental health problems following a road traffic accident (RTA), bullying at work, school or other distressing incidents. We advise on fitness to return to work and/or therapeutic requirements with timescales and costs.

We typically work with the following:

- Solicitors
- Barristers
- Human resource professionals
- Occupational health and well-being departments
- Insurers and re-insurers
- Trade Unions and professional associations
- Claims management companies, case managers, and rehabilitation companies

Our service is divided into seven practice areas:

**1. Adult personal injury assessments**

This comprehensive expert assessment service includes immediate post-accident assessment, current symptoms, pre-accident history, treatment implications and prognosis. Pre-interview questionnaires and tests are used. These assessments usually relate to injuries that have occurred in public places.

**2. Child personal injury assessments**

When a child is under 10 or 11, they are given a brief and friendly interview, after which their parent is interviewed in depth. Assessments on young people are typically carried out by one of our specialist child psychologists.

**3. Brain injury and neuropsychological assessments**

This is carried out when any type of intellectual (cognitive) functioning is impaired following a head injury, concussion or brain disease. It involves a comprehensive series of tests plus, where appropriate, interviewing of relatives.

**4. Chronic pain assessments**

This provides a comprehensive assessment of the psychological aspects of chronic pain. It assesses pre-injury history of pain complaints plus post-injury coping strategies. Pain management treatment options are recommended.

**5. Employment, stress and absence assessments**

These include either individual or organisational assessments of stress or other psychological illness and the impact that they have on the individual or the organisation. A summary of the employment difficulties is presented, along with practical strategies to reduce absence cases caused by stress and other psychological conditions.

**6. Road traffic injury assessments**

These assessments typically are prepared in complex road traffic claims. We provide an objective assessment of the full set of injuries and with particular emphasis on issues such as PTSD and phobias that may have developed as a result of the injury.

**7. Therapy and support**

We also provide psychological therapy carried out by experienced therapists using up-to-date treatment techniques such as:

- Cognitive behavioural therapy
- Psychodynamic psychotherapy and Integrative therapy
- Therapy underpinned by attachment theory and other systemic therapy approaches
- Cognitive analytical therapy
- Cognitive rehabilitation and Brief therapy
- Counselling

### Typical personal injury issues that we prepare reports on:

- Road traffic accidents
- Train accidents
- Workplace accidents
- Medical accidents
- Flying and boating accidents
- Assaults
- Emotional, physical and sexual abuse
- Natural disaster accidents
- Mental health problems
- Brain injuries
- Assessment of difficulties with memory, concentration and attention
- Psychological factors related to road traffic accidents
- Psychological factors relating to workplace accidents
- Clinical negligence
- IQ and mental capacity
- Neuropsychological assessments
- Psychological assessment of occupational stress
- Quantum in road traffic accidents
- Road traffic accident psychological sequel
- Psychological assessment of redundancy
- Psychological assessment of sexual abuse
- Psychological assessment of physical abuse
- Advice on quantum
- The effects of disfigurement and psychological trauma;
- Phobias and/or specific anxieties
- Depression
- Social, psychological and emotional issues.
- Equality Act cases
- Mental Capacity Act
- Mental Health Act
- Adult sexual abuse
- Anxiety
- Psychological assessment of anxiety
- Psychological assessment of brain injury
- Occupational bullying
- Bullying in education
- Educational negligence
- Care homes, residential, sexual abuse
- Neurological cognitive skills assessment
- Psychological cognitive skills assessment
- Reasonable adjustments
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA)
- Assessment of malingering
- Slipping accidents
- Public area hazards
- Workplace hazards
- Treatment accidents
- Assessment of depression
- Disabled persons employment,
- Harassment — employer's liability
- Employment prospects
- Earning capacity
- Discrimination in employment
- Psychological assessment of Fitness to work
- Psychological assessment of the mental state
- Road traffic accident related neurological injuries
- Occupational health
- Building collapse
- Criminal assaults and CICA claims
- Police accidents
- Human contributory factors in accidents
- Rehabilitation
- Fitness to work and failure to recover
- Suspicion of malingering
- Children's play area accidents
- Decompression sickness
- Mortality calculations
- Cost of injury, cost of death and cost of disability
- Housekeeping requirements
- Care requirements
- Equipment requirements
- Housekeeping costs
- Care costs
- Care needs analysis
- Care needs quantification
- Medical requirements and nursing care requirements
- Housing adaptations, structural alterations and equipment requirements
- Mobility assessment
- Financial quantification
- Leisure injuries

Waiting times are short; clients are normally seen within five days of confirmation of funding. Reports can be prepared and within five days of setting the client. We are jointly instructed in the majority of our cases (34%) and the remainder of our work is equally split between defendant and claimant work.

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