

Dr David Millar

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, Chartered Clinical Psychologist, Practitioner Psychologist

Expert Witness

Academic Qualifications

MSc Clinical Neuropsychology – Glasgow University (2005)

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (pass with Distinction) – Newcastle University (2002)

BSc Psychology (Scholarship for Best Advanced Undergraduate) – Auckland University (1998)

Professional Qualifications & Memberships

Health Professions Council Registered Practitioner Psychologist (Membership Number PYL18117)

Full Practitioner Member of the Division of Neuropsychology, British Psychological Society (BPS)

Full Member of the Division of Clinical Psychology (BPS)

Member of the Specialist Register in Clinical Neuropsychology (BPS)

Member of the Directory of Expert Witnesses (BPS)

Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society

Supervisor for the Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology

Chair of the Northern Region Neuropsychology Special Interest Group

Member of Euroacademia Multidisciplinaria Neurotraumatologica

Honorary Lecturer Newcastle University

Honorary Research Contract with Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Good Clinical Practice Training, National Institute for Health Research

Independent Practice:

- 2005 - Present:

Independent Expert Witness

Areas of Expertise:

Dr Millar specialises in the assessment of adults who have suffered from neurological injury or illness in the context of Personal Injury Claims, Forensic Issues, and Family Proceedings.

Dr Millar regularly takes instructions from solicitors, case management companies, and insurance companies. He has experience of working with translators.

Dr Millar has extensive experience of assessing the cognitive, behavioural and emotional impact of neurological injury and illness using objective psychometric tools, clinical interview and medical history. He is experienced in giving expert opinion of the likely vocational and social impact of such injuries/illnesses and recommendations in relation to appropriate rehabilitation.

Instructions Include: (please note, this list is not exhaustive)

Personal Injury:

- Neuropsychological consequences and predicted outcome following traumatic brain injury
- Rehabilitation potential
- Mental capacity
- Behavioural Issues
- Parenting ability following traumatic brain injury
- Affective conditions (e.g. depression, PTSD, anxiety disorders etc.)

Forensic:

- Cognitive Functioning
- Vulnerability
- Memory functioning and violent crime

Employment History

2012 – Present:

***NeuroCog, John Buddle Work Village,
Buddle Road, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 8AW. www.neurocog.co.uk***

Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist and Director

Dr Millar's Responsibilities include:

- Provision of expert witness reports
- Provision of reports detailing rehabilitation potential
- Psychological assessment and psychotherapy to individuals, couples and families with mental health problems following neurological injury/illness
- Adapting cognitive behavioural therapy to suit the cognitive strengths and weakness of clients
- Rehabilitation of cognitive difficulties using compensatory strategies and cognitive retraining
- Application of technology to help overcome cognitive and behavioural difficulties
- Development and implementation of positive behaviour programmes to manage challenging behaviour
- Provision of return to riding assessments following concussion for amateur and professional jockeys in the North East of England
- Working with assistant psychologists to implement rehabilitation programmes
- Supervision of assistant psychologists, Clinical Neuropsychologists, Clinical Psychologists and multidisciplinary team members
- Training and Consultation to professionals
- Design and implementation of business development projects
- Interviewing and recruitment of staff

- Lecturing in Clinical Neuropsychology on the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology course at Newcastle University

2008 - 2012:

Regional Neurosciences Centre, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne

Clinical Neuropsychologist (adult services):

Dr Millar's Duties Included:

- Taking a leading role in a team that provided specialist neuropsychological assessment, formulation and diagnosis of clients referred from the 20 neurologists and 13 neurosurgeons within the Regional Neurosciences Centre
- Assessment of clients presenting with a wide range of neurological conditions including but not limited to brain injury, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, various forms of dementia, multiple sclerosis and mitochondrial disease
- Providing brief intervention to clients with cognitive and emotional difficulties and functional conditions
- Supervision of assistant psychologists, clinical neuropsychologists, and clinical psychologists within and out with the department
- Consultation and training of other professional and non-professional groups
- Research consultancy
- Ensuring the implementation of legislation and national guidance, with respect to the patient group.
- Lecturing in Clinical Neuropsychology on the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology course at Newcastle University

2004 - 2007

Walkergate Park, Regional Neurological Rehabilitation Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne

Lead Clinical Neuropsychologist (inpatients)

Dr Millar's Duties Included:

- Leading an inpatient team of clinical psychologist and assistant psychologists within a multidisciplinary regional neurorehabilitation centre
- Providing specialist assessment of complex cognitive, behavioural and emotional difficulties to patients following neurological injury/illness
- Developing programmes for cognitive rehabilitation and management of challenging behaviour
- Providing therapeutic intervention for emotional difficulties for patients and their families
- Providing training and consultation to the multidisciplinary team
- Design and implementation of service development projects

- Lecturing in Clinical Neuropsychology on the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology course at Newcastle University

2002 - 2004

***Huntersmoor Regional Neurological
Rehabilitation Centre, Newcastle upon
Tyne***

Clinical Psychologist (neuropsychology):

Dr Millar's Duties Included:

- Working within multidisciplinary teams in a regional neurorehabilitation centre (4 days) and a Community Multiple Sclerosis Team (1 day)
- Providing an evidence based clinical service including psychological assessments, neuropsychological assessments, psychotherapy (CBT), cognitive rehabilitation and behavioural management
- Working with family and support workers of clients both within the centre and in the community
- Supervision of assistant psychologists and research assistants
- Providing training, education and supervision on working with people with Neurological Disabilities to other health professions and care staff
- Implementation of rehabilitation programmes with clients and multidisciplinary team members

2002 - 2004

***The University of Newcastle, Newcastle
upon Tyne***

Trainee Clinical Psychologist:

Placements: Specialist elective placements with the Northumberland Community Brain Injury Team and the Regional Neuroscience Centre, Newcastle General Hospital.

Assistant Psychologist: Rehab Without Walls, Milton Keynes (1999)

Assistant Psychologist: The Concussion Clinic, Auckland Hospital (1997-1998)

Publications & Research

Dr Millar has published in and reviewed papers for international journals. He is actively involved in research and has a particular interest in the cognitive, behavioural and emotional changes associated with frontal lobe dysfunction. He is currently involved in the development of virtual reality software intended to improve the ecological validity of assessment of dysexecutive syndrome. More details are available on request.

Additional Information:

- Full-enhanced CRB clearance
- Personal professional indemnity insurance
- Experience of working with an interpreter