

DR ANDREW BAMBER

Principal Clinical Psychologist

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I am a Clinical Psychologist with extensive experience supporting children and young people with moderate to severe learning disabilities, neurodevelopmental conditions, and complex emotional needs, including behaviours that challenge. My work is grounded in close collaboration with families and multidisciplinary teams across Health, Education, and Social Care, with a focus on developing shared psychological formulations and tailored support plans. I have particular expertise in supporting families to understand their child's needs, reduce distress, and promote positive behavioural and emotional outcomes. I draw on Behavioural, Systemic, Trauma and Attachment models to influence system change, with experience of bringing together complex and overlapping networks of professionals to support young people in crisis and promote joined-up and compassionate approaches to care and decision-making for children with high levels of need.

Locations: Bristol and the South West of England. Remote.

EXPERIENCE

- 08/2024 – Current **Lingmell Psychology Services Ltd, *Independent Clinical Psychologist and Director.***
- Working as an independent clinical psychologist and company director.
 - Seeing families of children with complex neurodevelopmental needs for a range of needs including behaviours of concern, ARFID, anxiety and anger management.
 - Supervising senior mental health advisors at the University of Bristol.
 - Undertaking specialist, in-depth assessments for adoptive families who require support through the adoption support fund.
 - Providing training for adult care home staff on trauma with adults with learning disabilities.
- 05/2022 - 08/2024 **Clinical Lead/Lead Psychologist, *Child and Adolescent Learning Disability Service (CALDS) Anuerin Bevan NHS University Health Board.***
- Clinical lead for CALDS. Leading on service development and line management and supervision for the multidisciplinary team.
 - Provided specialist assessment and consultation for special schools, social workers, care and support staff.
 - Undertook complex functional behaviour assessments (FBAs) for young people in care across South Wales.
 - Led on the development of group interventions for families experiencing behaviours of concern at home.
- 07/2018 - 05/2022 **Lead Clinical Psychologist, *Learning Disability Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (LD-CAMHS) Avon and Wiltshire Partnership NHS Trust.***
- Lead clinical psychologist in the Bristol LD CAMHS team. I worked with children with moderate to severe learning disabilities and developmental needs on behaviours of concern and mental health.

- Guest lectured on the Bath DClinPsy course on working with children with learning disability and their families and supervised trainee clinical psychologists from the course.

- 08/2014 - 07/2018 **Senior Clinical Psychologist, Positive Behaviour, Autism, Learning Disability and Mental Health Service (PALMS) Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust.**
- Senior clinical psychologist, providing assessment, formulation and intervention for children with autism and families around behaviours of concern and mental health.
 - Took a lead role in service development and improvement. Liaising with commissioners in Hertfordshire and NHS England on specialist packages of support.
- 01/2013 - 08/2014 **Clinical Psychologist, Cambian LD Community Hospitals Cambian Fairview Hospital.**
- Worked as part of an MDT in four community hospitals for adults with learning disabilities. Patients were both informal and detained under the mental health act.
 - I conducted assessment, formulation and intervention work within the MDT and contributed to service development.
 - Supervised Assistant Psychologists
- 09/2009 - 09/2012 **Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Doctorate in Clinical Psychology Programme University of Hertfordshire.**
- Developed expertise in assessment, formulation, and intervention across six placements, involving diverse populations, including child and adolescent mental health, adult and older adult mental health, and intellectual disabilities. Specialist attachment and specialist family therapy placements.
 - Conducted research and contributed to service development and staff training.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2022 - 2024 **Diploma in Practice Leadership of Positive Behaviour Support - BTEC Level 5, British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD)**
- 2017 - 2018 **Advanced Certificate of Systemic Practice with Families and Couples (first year of Systemic Training)**
Institute of Family Therapy
Distinction
- 2009 - 2012 **Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)**
University of Hertfordshire
- 2009 **Postgraduate Certificate in Statistical Methods (PGCert)**
Open University
Distinction
- 2003 - 2006 **Bachelor of Science in Psychology (BSc)**
University of Southampton
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ADDITIONAL CLINICAL TRAINING

- Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-r) (Compass Psychology, 2024)
- Threshold Course in Eco-Psychology (Natural Academy, 2022)
- Practice Leadership in Positive Behaviour Support - Five-day training PBS UK 2021
- Circle of Security Parenting (COS-P) - Four-day COS-P attachment training London, 2018
- Sleep Scotland - Six-day training in the theory and practice of supporting young people with a learning disability to achieve and maintain sleep. St Albans, 2012
- Beating The Blues Training, CBT for Depression in Aspergers Syndrome – Tony Attwood, Birmingham, 2015
- Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2) - Two-day training, Pearson, London 2014
- Team Formulation Workshop - One-Day Workshop, Lucy Johnston; BPS, London, 2014

SUPERVISION TRAINING

- Two-day course from University of Hertfordshire (BPS Approved), 2013
- Two-Day Course from university of Bath, 2018
- Two-Day Course from University of Cardiff, 2023

KEY SKILLS

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| • Learning Disabilities | • Neurodevelopmental Needs | • Anxiety & Depression |
| • Complex Behaviours | • Positive Behaviour Support | • Systems & School Support |
| • Family Therapy | • Narrative Therapy | • Attachment & Trauma |
| • Teaching and Training | | |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), registration number: PYL29117

REFERENCES

- References available on request