

DR LAKSHMAN (LUCKY) GANATRA

Principal Clinical Psychologist



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Dr Ganatra is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist with over 15 years of experience working across the NHS, voluntary sector, schools, educational institutions, and charities, specialising in trauma, developmental adversity, neuropsychology, and mental health across the lifespan. He has served as a Clinical Lead for a residential care provider and currently runs his own service, *Evolving Families*, where he leads a team of specialist clinicians supporting adults, children, and families. Dr Ganatra has extensive experience conducting psychological assessments, including for parents and children with developmental disorders, learning difficulties, and those affected by trauma or abuse. He acts as an expert witness in family court proceedings and has developed expertise in complex assessment and formulation in the context of adversity. He is currently undergoing his Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology (QicN) under the supervision of a Consultant Clinical Paediatric Neuropsychologist.

Locations: Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham and surrounding areas. Remote.

EXPERIENCE

- 10/2018 – Current **Clinical Psychologist, Director. *Evolving Families***
- Independent Clinical Psychologist and Director of Evolving Families
 - Offering services for children in care, including assessment, consultation, supervision and direct therapy
 - Offering neurodevelopmental assessments and interventions
 - Supervising and managing team of clinicians and associates
- 03/2021 - Current **Principal Clinical Lead, *CYPF and LAC, BERRI Ltd***
- Providing expert Clinical Psychology services in relation to parenting, children and families including expert witness work.
 - Specialising in working with attachment relationships and working with Looked After and Adopted Children.
 - Consultancy, research, training and therapy
- 09/2019 - Current **Part Time Visiting Lecturer, *DClinPsy Course, University of Brimingham.***
- Visiting Lecturer on the Doctorate course offering reflective practice sessions, external supervision and occasional lectures.
- 08/2019 – 03/2021 **Clinical Lead Clinical Psychologist, *Children's Residential Care, Care Perspectives Ltd.***
- Clinical lead in a group of therapeutic residential children's home's managing a small therapeutic team to support children and young people experiencing mental health, trauma, attachment difficulties and learning disabilities.
 - Management responsibilities for clinical staff, clinical budget and supervision for home managers.
 - Supporting the management team in identifying suitable placements, monitoring outcomes and liaising with external agencies including local authorities, Ofsted and CAMHS.
 - Providing direct therapy to young people as appropriate and supervising the clinical work of the therapeutic team as well as providing training and oversight of the care team.

- 10/2017 - 03/2020 **Senior Clinical Psychologist, Older Adult CMHS, Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.**
- Providing highly specialist psychological assessment & intervention with older adult clients presenting with functional and organic difficulties.
 - Providing formulation and plans for psychological therapy or management of conditions based upon an appropriate conceptual framework and evidence-based practice.
 - Conducting neuropsychological assessment and formulation in line with the dementia diagnosis care pathway and supporting both CMHT and Memory Clinic staff in diagnosis and ongoing support for Dementia Care planning.
 - Undertaking risk assessments and risk management and providing specialist advice to professionals on psychological aspects of risk management.
 - Management of own caseload and responsible for supervision of Trainee's, Assistants, and MDT Staff.
 - Assisting with Service development and delivery as part of the national agenda for mental health.
- 09/2014 - 09/2017 **Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Doctorate in Clinical Psychology Programme, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust.**
- Placement 1: Secondary Care Adult CMHT – HACW Trust (09/14 – 03/15)
 - Placement 2: Secondary Care Older Adult CMHT – HACW Trust (04/15 – 09/15)
 - Placement 3: CAMHS & Neurodevelopmental - CWPT Trust (10/15 – 03/16)
 - Placement 4: Community Learning Disabilities Team – 2gether NHS Trust (04/16 – 09/16)
 - Specialist Placement 1: Bariatric Surgery & Paediatric Diabetes – UHCW Trust (10/16 – 03/17)
 - Specialist Placement 2: Paediatrics - Birmingham Women's & Children's Trust (04/17- 09/17)

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2023 - 2024 **PGDip Clinical Paediatric Neuropsychology**
University College London
Merit
- 2014 - 2017 **Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)**
Coventry University & University of Warwick
Thesis: Religion & Mental Health: Issues for Professionals and Public
Pass
- 2010 - 2011 **MSc in Foundations in Clinical Psychology**
Bournemouth University
Dissertation: Families and Relationships: An evaluation of attachment theory in families formed through non-traditional methods.
Distinction
- 2007 - 2010 **Bachelor of Science in Psychology (BSc)**
University of the West of England
Dissertation: Do Magic Tricks Inform us of Eye movements? The influence of stimulus repetition and cue understanding on eye movements in magic tricks.
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ADDITIONAL CLINICAL TRAINING

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| • Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy Level 2 Grant Consultancy and Training | 4 days | 05/2025 |
| • Certified Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinical Specialist Intensive Training (ASDCS) (online) PESI | 2 days | 02/2025 |
| • ADHD Clinical Services Provider (ADHD-CCSP) Certification Course (online) PESI | 4 days | 01/2025 |
| • Neuro-affirmative ADHD Services. Oasis Psychological Services | 2 days | 09/2024 |
| • ADOS and ADI-r Clinical Combo Beginning With A | 5 days | 09/2021 |
| • Story Stems Assessment Profile Anna Freud Centre | 3 days | 05/2021 |
| • Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy Level 1 Dan Hughes Training, USA | 4 days | 10/2019 |
| • Everyday Parenting (online) Coursera: Yale University | 2 days | 03/2019 |
| • Good Clinical Practice in Research Black Country Partnership NHS | 1 day | 01/2019 |
| • EMDR (part 1, 2, & 3) EMDR Extra | 7 days | 01/2018 – 10/2018 |
| • Introduction to Solution Focussed Therapy Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust | 2 days | 05/2018 |
| • Supervisors Training & Recognition (STAR) West Midlands Clinical Psychology Courses | 2 days | 07/2018 |
| • CAT Introductory Training Coventry University | 2 days | 06/2017 |
| • Mindfulness for HealthCare Professionals Breathworks | 8 days | 07/2013 |

KEY SKILLS

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| • Paediatric Neuropsychology | • Neurodevelopmental Needs | • Child and Family Mental Health |
| • Anxiety & Depression | • Emotional Difficulties | • Trauma & PTSD |
| • Attachment | • Cognitive Assessments | • ASD Assessments |
| • Leadership & Teaching | | |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), registration number: PYL35186
- British Psychological Society (BPS): 461810
- Association of Clinical Psychologist (ACP): 2642
- Member of EMDR Association

REFERENCES

- References available on request