

DR SESHAGIRI RAO NIMMAGADDA - MBBS; MRCPsych; FRCPsych; DPM; MEWI; MMedSc (Clinical Psychiatry); LL.M (Mental Health Law)

Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist

Summary

Dr Seshagiri Nimmagadda has been a Forensic Psychiatrist since 2004. As a part of Dr Nimmagadda's higher specialist training in Forensic Psychiatry, he has acquired the requisite competencies in writing expert psychiatric reports to the Courts and in giving oral evidence. He regularly provides independent psychiatric reports to Criminal Courts, the Parole Board, Family Courts, and Mental Health Review Tribunals. Dr Nimmagadda has expertise in conducting mental capacity assessments as per the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and regularly gives oral evidence before various Courts and Tribunals in England including on occasions in the Court of Appeal, the Parole Board and Family Courts.

In the last 10 years Dr Nimmagadda has been involved in complex issues applying 'McNaughten rules' and 'Diminished Responsibility' and gives evidence to the parole board as well.

Dr Nimmagadda covers areas such as risk assessment of violence towards others, Psychiatric aspects of 'Fitness to plead', Homicide, Physical Violence, Sexual offences, and Arson.

Qualifications

- MBBS - Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery - Andhra University; India.
- MRCPsych - Member of Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK
- FRCPsych - Fellow of Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK
- DPM - Diploma in Psychological Medicine - Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.
- MMedSc - Master of Medical Science in Clinical Psychiatry from the University of Leeds
- CCT - Certificate of Completion of Training in Forensic Psychiatry - Included in the Specialist Register of the General Medical Council.
- LL.M (Mental Health Law) - from the University of Northumbria, Newcastle.
- MEWI - Elected as a Member of Expert Witness Institute.
- Section 12(2) approved under the Mental Health Act 1983, by the Secretary of State as having expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.
- Approved Clinician (AC) under the Mental Health Act 1983 (Amended).
- Basic Specialist Training in Psychiatry (February 1998 - April 2001).

East Riding Psychiatric Rotational Training Scheme - Hull and East Yorkshire

- As a part of Dr Nimmagadda's training, he has done training placements in General Adult Psychiatry, Old age Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Liaison Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry.

Higher Specialist Training in Forensic Psychiatry (May 2001-April 2004)

- Dr Nimmagadda successfully completed the Higher Specialist Training in Forensic Psychiatry during the above period having worked in the following places: Reaside Clinic and Hillis Lodge, Birmingham, The Hatherton Centre, Stafford; and Rampton Hospital, Nottinghamshire.
- As a part of his training he worked in the following prisons - HMP Blakenhurst¹ (May 2001 – March 2002), HMP Drake Hall² (April 2002 to October 2003), and HMYOI Brinsford³ (February 2003 to October 2003).

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Specialist Area of Work

- As a Forensic Psychiatrist Dr Nimmagadda has expertise in assessing the risk of harm to others. He regularly conducts assessments and gives his opinion to various Courts and Tribunals in this respect.
- He has been employed as a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist at Thornford Park Hospital for more than 6 and ½ years. Thornford Park provides care and treatment to mentally disordered patients in conditions of medium and low securities. This hospital is a part of Priory group of hospitals. He holds RC (Responsible Clinician) responsibilities for 28 in-patients, most of whom have complex and chronic forensic psychiatric histories. He regularly furnishes reports to the Ministry of Justice on restricted patients.
- Dr Nimmagadda has experience in carrying out psychiatric assessments in various secure settings including prisons, special hospitals, secure units and open settings.

Committee Memberships

- Member of Mental Health Law Sub-Committee of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (from October 2002 to September 2003)
- Member of Forensic Psychiatry Executive Committee (from October 2002 to January 2004)
- Member of Forensic Psychiatry Specialist Advisory Sub-Committee (from October 2003 to April 2004)
- Member of Forensic Psychiatry and Social and Rehabilitation Psychiatry interface group from October 2002 to November 2004)
- Served as a personal tutor for a group of 20 medical students (T group 35) from the University of Birmingham, from August 2002 to April 2003.
- Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Member of the Expert Witness Institute
- Member of the Expert Witness Society
- Member of the Medical Defence Union
- Trustee and an Elected member of the Council of the Royal College of Psychiatrists from July 2006.
- Secretary for the Private and Independent Practice Special Interest Group (PIPSIG) since July 2010.

Publications

- Numerous publications which can be provided in full upon request.