

ASD Reference Group Template – Database of Skills and Experience

Health and Social Care Integration Directorate
Adult Care and Support Division



We would like to develop a repository of skills / experience which ASD Reference Group members have, in order to ensure that these are adequately covered within the Group to finalise and take forward the Recommendations of the Autism Strategy. Please could you complete and return the short template below:

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1. Academic background

University degrees and diplomas:

**MA(Hons) General and Experimental Psychology and Social Psychology:
University of Glasgow**

Diploma in Educational Psychology: University of Glasgow

Master of Applied Science: University of Glasgow

PhD: University of Strathclyde

D Univ (Honorary Degree): University of Glasgow

D Ed Psy (pending): University of Strathclyde

Formal professional qualifications and designations:

Cert Ed: Jordanhill College of Education

C Psychol: British Psychological Society

C Sci: Chartered Institute of Science

AcSS: Academy of Social Sciences

FRSA: Royal Society of Arts

Chartered Psychologist: British Psychological Society

Registered Educational Psychologist: Health Professions Council

Registered Health Psychologist: Health Professions Council

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Clinical Neuropsychologist: British Psychological Society

Teacher in Psychology: British Psychological Society

Researcher in Psychology: British Psychological Society

Accredited Behaviour Therapist: BABCP

Accredited Cognitive Behavioural Psychotherapist: BABCP

2. Work Experience

40 years experience in general psychology and particularly in child psychology across all of its clinical and educational aspects

Child and adult clinical specialism in diagnosis and therapy

Researcher (full time for two years, then on permanent basis as key part of work)

Management of psychological services (Principal Psychologist, 90 staff, 14 years)

Chair in Autism Studies

Director of Psychology Consultancy Services (15 years to date), Critical Solutions and MacKay Associates

Expert Witness: Law Society of Scotland

Government Advisor (specific appointments: UK Government; Scotland; Wales; Northern Ireland; Republic of Ireland)

Clinical Director: National Diagnosis and Assessment Service for Autistic Spectrum Disorders

3. Strengths (but, wow! you should see the weaknesses!)

Only strengths recognised at peer review level are listed:

Awards and recognition at national level include the following:

Fellowship of the British Psychological Society (FBPsS)

Academician of the Academy for the Social Sciences

Award for Challenging Inequality of Opportunity (1998)

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Award for Distinguished Contributions to Professional Psychology (2008)

Inaugural Public Engagement Award (British Psychological Society) (2011)

Chartered Institute of Transport Award (for contribution to psychology and passenger transport policy, including transport for people with additional support needs)

MJ Award for Children's Services

Scottish Enterprise Business Excellence Award (Psychology Consultancy Services)

George and Thomas Hutcheson Award (2008)

Approximately 150 academic publications

4. Skills

Combination of academic and practitioner skills

Bridge child and adult specialisms

Bridge clinical and educational practice

Differential diagnosis

Research

Therapeutic interventions

Forensic practice

Educational practice and legislation

Writing

Getting the job done when the chips are down (but not doing anything at all unless they are)