



DR CARA PELSER

CURRICULUM VITAE



Dr Cara Pelsler has extensive experience of working in neuropsychological and clinical psychology services, both within community and inpatient settings. She has expertise in conducting neuropsychological assessments and providing cognitive rehabilitation and psychological therapy for patients, and their families, following neurological illness and injury. Cara believes that working closely with other members of a care and treatment team, to support with individualised client goals, encourages engagement, motivation and rehabilitation, optimising rehabilitation potential. Cara draws upon on a range of therapeutic modalities, including CBT, ACT, narrative and solution-focused approaches, and has experience in working therapeutically with patients with functional neurological disorders/medically unexplained symptoms.

Cara currently works parttime in the NHS in a Community Specialist Rehabilitation Service, and prior to this worked in a brain injury rehabilitation unit and on a level 2 rehabilitation ward. Preceding clinical psychology training, she worked as a psychological wellbeing practitioner in a mental health service and a rehabilitation coach for Transitional Rehabilitation Unit Ltd.

Cara is currently co-editing a book titled 'A Practical Approach to Interdisciplinary Complex Rehabilitation' due to be published by Elsevier in early 2022.

Qualifications

MSc Clinical Neuropsychology, University of Glasgow, 2015-present

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, University of Liverpool 2011-2014

Post Graduate Certificate in Primary Care Mental Health Practice, UCLAN, 2009-2010

Psychology BSc, Durham University, 2005-2008

Professional Affiliations

British Psychological Society, Membership Number: 241985

Chartered Clinical Psychologist, British Psychological Society

Full member of the Division of Clinical Psychology, British Psychological Society

Full member of the Division of Neuropsychology, British Psychological Society

Health and Care Professions Council, Registration Number: PYL31612

Publications

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- Koch HCH, Laraway A, Pelsler C and Lamswood S (2018). Assessing distress post-cyber breaches. Legal Mind Case and Commentary No. 20. Personal Injury Brief Update Law Journal, 2018.
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