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## Excellence and satisfaction guaranteed

We aim to deliver an outstanding service by putting quality, integrity and relationships at the heart of our approach. Acting as a one-stop-shop, our service can deal with your enquiries quickly and efficiently.

Our peer review system ensures that our medico-legal reports are regularly assessed by other experts to guarantee excellence, results, and client satisfaction.

All our Psychiatrists are approved under Section 12(2) of the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007), as having special experience in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. Our Psychologists are all registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC) and comply with Civil Procedure Rules.



**For more information about our Medico-Legal Service or to discuss an enquiry contact:**

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 **Medico-legal Service**  
Nationwide



Providing specialist  
mental health experts  
and opinion





St Andrew's Healthcare is a leading mental health charity and the home of some of the most well regarded clinicians in the country.

If you need a specialist mental health opinion, no other organisation can offer the quality and experience of experts that St Andrew's can.

Our Psychiatrists and Psychologists work directly with some of the most complex mental health patients in the country, often with offending backgrounds and behaviours that challenge, which means they have the knowledge and expertise to provide you and your clients with the highest quality medico-legal reports and recommendations for treatment.

For over 15 years we have been providing mental health experts for medico-legal requirements. We have over 30 mental health specialists who can offer comprehensive, independent mental health reviews and medico-legal reports for a wide range of proceedings.

#### Civil proceedings we cover include:

- 👤 Personal Injury
- 👤 Capacity\*
- 👤 Road Traffic Accidents/Brain injury
- 👤 Historic Abuse
- 👤 Diagnosis and Treatment recommendations\*
- 👤 Childcare and Family proceedings
- 👤 Immigration/Asylum
- 👤 Inquests
- 👤 Military

#### Criminal proceedings we cover include:

- 👤 Fitness to plead
- 👤 Suggestability
- 👤 Risk Assessments\*\*
- 👤 Diminished Responsibility
- 👤 Learning disability and ASD
- 👤 Recommendations for Disposal
- 👤 Mental State when offending
- 👤 Dangerousness
- 👤 Criminal Justice

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#### We also provide:

- ✔️ Mental Health Review Tribunals
- ✔️ Parole Board Applications

\* Civil and Criminal Proceedings

\*\* Sexual, violence and reoffending





## Experts in civil and criminal cases

With over 30 experts to choose from, St Andrew's can provide an expert witness for a wide range of civil and criminal proceedings. Our in-depth reports draw on our experts' clinical experience from their work at St Andrew's, supporting some of the most complex mental health patients in the UK.



## › Military

A court report could be commissioned for Court Martials, looking at the mental health of service personnel for family court proceedings, negligence, or criminal injury work.

### The report will cover:

- current mental health and need for any treatment
- prognosis
- extensive development and trauma history
- complete review of military career, deployments and traumatic exposure.

## › Immigration/Asylum

For immigration/asylum cases, we will examine the client's mental health and whether they are suffering from any specific trauma or psychological illness.

### The report will cover:

- mental health at the time of and during detention
- diagnosis and treatment needs (current, immediate future and long term)
- prognosis and any psychiatric damage caused by detention.

## › Historic Abuse

Our historic abuse medico-legal reports will look at the sexual, mental and emotional abuse that the claimant may have suffered. This may involve possible breaches in the duty of care from local authorities.

### The report will cover:

- life prior to the abuse
- diagnosis and prognosis
- recommendations for future treatment
- impact on employability
- recommendations for compensation.

## › Personal Injury and Medical Negligence

We can provide reports for clients with a recognised psychiatric injury as a result of an accident or through medical negligence.

### The report will cover:

- the extent to which the incident contributed to or exacerbated a psychiatric injury
- prognosis and the treatment options available
- impact on employability.

## › Road Traffic Accidents and Brain injury

An expert report will look at whether the claimant has any significant cognitive or psychological effects that may be attributed to an acquired brain injury, based on assessment, testing and in-depth review of medical records.

### The report will cover:

- a comprehensive assessment – at *Kemsley, St Andrew's Brain Injury services, Northampton*
- full neuropsychological testing – to assess pre-morbid ability, current reasoning ability, information processing and memory.



## › Childcare and Family Proceedings

Our experts will look at the level of cognitive functioning, interpersonal relationships and the current mental health of the parent/carer. They will establish parenting capacity and any history that may contribute to their difficulties, such as substance abuse or forensic history.

### The report will cover:

- diagnosis
- risk assessment to themselves and others
- recommendations for treatment, therapy and support
- an assessment of their capacity to sign an agreement with the local authority.

## › Criminal Law medico-legal experts

In addition to our civil law experts, we have a wide range of clinicians who specialise in all aspects of criminal law including:

- Fitness to Plead
- Diminished Responsibility
- Mental State when offending
- Dangerousness
- Suggestability
- Mental Health Assessments
- Mental Health Review Tribunals.

We regularly support legal teams, solicitors, the courts, coroners, the CPS and the police with a wide range of medico-legal reports.

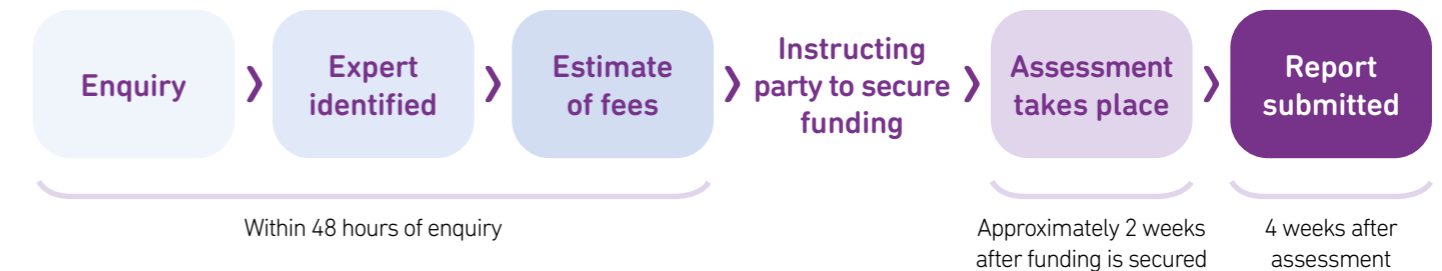
To see our expert profiles, contact us directly or visit [stah.org/expert-witnesses](https://stah.org/expert-witnesses)



## Our expert case handlers will manage your case from start to finish

Our case handlers will guide you through the process to ensure you receive the highest quality medico-legal report. With efficient systems and processes in place, they will liaise daily with the CPS, solicitors, police, health professionals, barristers and judges, and will be your point of contact from enquiry through to completion, answering any questions you may have along the way.

### The case handling process



› To understand what information will help us find you the most appropriate expert, visit [stah.org/expert-witnesses](https://stah.org/expert-witnesses)

