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About

Neil Hall started in his current role in September 2010, although for 20 years, as an Honorary Lecturer, he taught on various CPD programmes in special education and child protection and on initial and post qualification doctoral training courses in educational psychology. Neil is a Chartered Psychologist registered with the British Psychological Society (BPS) and a Practitioner Psychologist registered with the Health Professions Council (HPC).

He has managed a psychology team within a Social Services Department, been the Head of and Consultant Psychologist in an NHS Child & Family Clinical Psychology Service, and worked in a clinical psychology service in an Adult Mental Health Hospital; previously, he worked as a Consultant Psychologist for an NSPCC Risk Assessment Project.

Neil also qualified as a forensic psychologist and has regularly undertaken Court work in regard to children who have been or are at risk of being abused or neglected; of those who have been charged with various criminal matters; and of parents with learning disabilities, substance misuse and or mental health problems. He has written hundreds of reports and given evidence in more than 100 trials in the Magistrates, County and High Courts; he has also presented evidence to Adoption Panels and Special Needs Tribunals.

He has undertaken further training to complete the Cardiff University Law School Postgraduate Certificate as an Expert Witness in Family Work. Neil is currently working towards a PhD in Mental Health, in the Faculty of Health and Medicine, Lancaster University.

Qualifications

- MLitt (Aberdeen)
- MA (Lancaster)
- BEd (Hons) (Sussex)
- AFBPsS (Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society)
- CPsychol (Chartered Educational Psychologist; Chartered Forensic Psychologist) (BPS)
- CSci (Chartered Scientist) (Science Council)
- Statement of Competence in Educational Testing (BPS)

Teaching

Neil is the programme lead for SEBD courses at undergraduate (AdCert and BPhil) and postgraduate (PG Cert; PG Dip; MEd) level, via distance education. He also teaches a campus based postgraduate module. Neil also leads on a third year undergraduate module 'Educational Psychology' for the BA (Honours) Education programme.

Neil also leads on developing a Masters' course in Mental Health and Children's Services and contributes to PGCE training, special education courses and the doctoral programme in educational psychology.

Postgraduate supervision

Neil contributes to co-supervising a range of PhD, EdD, MPhil and MRes students on SEBD and SEN topics - these include the attachment friendly classroom; SEBD and outdoor education; SEBD provision in Kenya; Looked-after children leaving FE.

Research

- Assessment and treatment in child and adolescent mental health;
- Child and family forensic psychology – risk assessment; contact; parent-child interactions;
- Teachers' models of mental health and psychological well-being;
- Family mental health and children's learning, behaviour and identity.

Neil has previously been awarded a Research Fellowship by the NHS Health Action Zone Programme to develop an assessment and treatment programme for parents with mental health problems where child care might be a cause for concern.

Publications

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