

***Professor Nichola Rooney BSSc MScClinPsych PhD AFBPsS C.Psychol
Curriculum Vitae***

Surname: Rooney
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Position Consultant Clinical Psychologist in Private Practice
Honorary Professor of Clinical Psychology,
Queen's University Belfast

Degrees:
BSSc 2 : 1 Hons Queens University Belfast 1981
MSc Clinical Psychology Queens University Belfast 1983
PHD Queens University Belfast 1994

Employment History

2008-2010	Head of Psychological Services	Belfast HSC Trust
1999–2008	Clinical Psychology Services Manager	Royal Hospitals Trust
1993-1999	Consultant Clinical Psychologist (Deputy Manager of Clinical Psychology)	Royal Hospitals Trust
1990-1993	Consultant Clinical Psychologist Head of Services for Young People	NHSSB
1988-1990	Senior/Principal Clinical Psychologist	Royal Hospitals Trust
1984-1988	Basic/Senior Clinical Psychologist	Belfast City Hospital
1983-1984	Basic Grade Clinical Psychologist	NHSSB

Public/Professional Appointments:

Jan 2011 -	Associate Consultant Health and Social Care Leadership Centre
June 2009 -	Senior Professional Officer/Consultant Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) Mental Health and Learning Disability Team

January 2009 -	Appointed by Lord Chancellor as Commissioner, Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission
2002-2004	Appointed by Minister for Health as Professional member Human Organs Retention following Post Mortem Relatives Reference Group
2002-2009	Department of Education - appointed School Governor

Additional Roles and Responsibilities:

International: Member of expert working group based at the Centre for the Study of Youth and Political Violence, University of Tennessee, USA. This group aims to inform the development of governmental policies in USA, N Ireland, South Africa and the Middle East on the provision of Psychological Services to children and young people living in conflict/war zones. **(2007-2010)**

National : Member of the Executive of the British Psychological Society Division of Clinical Psychology. This committee has responsibility of the development and monitoring of professional practices of Clinical Psychologists in England, Scotland, Wales and N Ireland. **(2005-2011)**

National Assessor for Applied Consultant Psychologist Posts in Health & Social Care and Higher Education **(Current)**

Regional: Specialty Advisor to the Chief Medical Officer, DHSSPSNI

Chair BPS Division of Clinical Psychology NI (2005-2011). Current Vice Chair and Head of Policy

Member of DHSSPSNI Strategy Group on Increasing Access to Psychological Therapies

Member of DHSSPSNI Psychological Therapies Implementation Group

Past Member of Health Service Frameworks strategy groups (Cancer, Cardiology, Children and Young People).

Clinical Psychology Regional Representative on the Psychiatry Special Advisory Committee to the DHSSPSNI.

Member of Clinical Psychology Special Advisory Committee to the DHSSPSNI

Member of DHSSPSNI Clinical Psychology Workforce Review Group

Belfast Trust

additional roles: Member and Past Chair, Royal Hospitals Clinical Ethics Committee

Directorate Audit Co-ordinator

Chair Bereavement Quality Group

Member of Mental Health and Learning Disability SMT

Member of Clinical Services Council

Member of Stroke Strategy Steering Committee

Member of Mental Health Services Improvement Steering Committee

Queen's University

Honorary Professor Clinical Psychology

Member of Board of Studies of QUB Doctorate in Clinical Psychology

External consultant to Diploma/Masters in Applied Psychology.

Past Joint Director of Masters in Social Learning Theory

Teaching experience

Regular teaching input to Clinical Psychology Doctorate programme

Regular teaching input to School of Medicine and Dentistry post-graduate training curriculum.

I offer training on the Medical Consultants Regional Induction Programme on Communication Skills, Breaking bad News and Successful Team Working.

As a Training Consultant to the Beeches Management Centre I provided regional training on Change Management to the Post RPA Health Trust Clinical Directors Induction Program.

Research Profile

- Member of Northern Ireland Maternal and Child Welfare Regional Research Group
- Lead researcher on National Lottery Charities Board funded three year research into the impact of congenital heart disease (CHIP Project)
- Consultant Psychologist/ Clinical Supervisor OSECT study (multidisciplinary research project funded by Action Research)
- Extensive experience of presentations at local, national and international conferences .

Publications/disseminations:

- A randomized controlled trial of interventions to promote adjustment in children with congenital heart disease entering school and their families.
McCusker, C; Casey, F; Doherty, N; **Rooney, N**; Sands, A; Craig, B; Stewart, M
Journal of Paediatrics (in press)
- A controlled trial of early interventions to promote maternal adjustment and development in infants born with severe congenital heart disease.
McCusker, C; Casey, F; Doherty, N; **Rooney, N**; Sands, A; Craig, B; Stewart, M
Child: Care, Health & Development 2010 36(1):110-7.
- Elephant in the Room – How has the Clinical Psychology Profession in Northern Ireland responded to meet the psychological needs of children and families affected by the ‘Troubles’? **Rooney, N.** 2007 Capetown (in press).
- Factors predicting psychological distress in parents of infants born with severe congenital heart defects.
Doherty, N., McCusker, **C.G.**, Molloy, B., Casey, F., Mulholland, C., **Rooney, N.**, Craig, B., Sands, A., and Stewart, M
Proceedings of the European Association of Paediatric Cardiology Working Group on Psychosocial Problems, 2004 March 4 -6 2004, Vienna Austria.
- Neuropsychological outcomes in children with severe congenital heart disease, four years after invasive medical interventions.
McCusker, C.G., Doherty, N., Molloy, B., Casey, F., Mulholland, C., **Rooney, N.**, Craig, B., Sands, A. and Stewart, M.
Proceedings of the European Association of Paediatric Cardiology Working Group on Psychosocial Problems, 2004 March 4 -6 2004, Vienna Austria.
- The CHIP project – a new programme to promote psychosocial adjustment children with congenital heart disease and their families: preliminary findings.

McCusker, C.G., Doherty, N., Molloy, B., Casey, F., Mulholland, C., **Rooney, N.**, Craig, B., Sands, A. and Stewart, M.

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- Factors predicting child and family adjustment four years following invasive interventions for congenital heart disease in infancy.
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- The CHIP Project, Symposium presented to Annual Heartbeat Conference, Belfast, April 2004. McCusker, C.G., Doherty, N., Casey, F. **Rooney, N.** (2004)
- Neurodevelopmental and Psychosocial Outcomes Following Premature Birth: The Long Term Effects of Corticosteroid Treatments.
Wilson T.T., McCusker CG, & **Rooney N** (2004).
Proceedings of the British Psychological Society Annual Conference 16 April 2004
- Neurodevelopmental follow-up of babies enrolled in a randomised trial of early and late postnatal corticosteroids.
Wilson, T.T., Halliday, H.L., McCusker, C. & **Rooney, N.**
Infant Development in Neonatal Intensive Care (IDNIC) conference, Royal College of Physicians, London, 14 March 2003. [poster]
- A Sibling Controlled Study of Cognitive, Emotional and Behavioural Sequelae to Reyes Syndrome
Meekin S.L., Glasgow J.F.T., McCusker C.G., **Rooney N.**
Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology, 1999, 41, 549 – 553
- Quality of Life for Children with Complex Congenital Heart Disease.
Casey F. Mulholland H.C., Craig B.G., Power R., **Rooney N.**
Pediatric Research 1992 Vol 32:619
- 10. Quality of Life for Children after Palliative Surgery for Complex Congenital Heart Disease
Casey F., Mulholland H.C., Craig B.G., Power R, **Rooney N.**
Pediatric Rev Commun. 1993 Vol 7:151
- Handling bereavement in a Paediatric Cardiology Ward.
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