



Dr. Ivan Pitman is the Clinical Lead and Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist at Redford Court in Liverpool. Ivan has over 20 years' experience of working with adults with acquired neurological deficits in a variety of different settings from advising Neurosurgeons in a specialist neuro-trauma hospital to supporting individuals in adapting to living with acquired brain injury within their own home.

Ivan has worked for The Disabilities Trust (registered charity) since 2009 as the Lead Clinician in a busy 29-bedded, community focused neurorehabilitation facility in Liverpool. He leads a dedicated multidisciplinary team of Clinical Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and specialist support workers to enable service users with complex needs following acquired brain injuries to transition successful from a post-acute Hospital environment to an own-home location.

In the past Ivan has been a Senior Clinical Tutor within the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Liverpool and was the Head of Psychological Services at Ashworth High Secure Hospital. Since 2000 he has worked within forensic services, providing identification, assessment and rehabilitation for offenders with a history of acquired brain injuries. On occasions this has included working with high profile cases and uncovering previously unrecognised neurological sequelae of brain injury which has had significant impact on the individual's management and care. Within this work Ivan is a recognised national expert and has been called to give evidence to the Court of Appeal as well as presenting to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Brain Injury; he also sits on the British Psychological Society's Working Party on Brain Injury and Offending.

Following his [innovative research at HMP Leeds](#) Ivan led the design and piloting of the Brain Injury Screening Index (BISI®); a brief 11-item questionnaire used to identify individuals with a history of brain injuries within prisons, probation settings, the community and homelessness services.

As well as his clinical and research experience Ivan has had extensive media involvement which includes advising on and appearing in the [Louis Theroux documentary: 'A Different Brain' for BBC Two](#) about brain injury and the rehabilitation journey, showing how people and their families come to terms with this life-changing condition. He also consulted on BBC One's Casualty and has worked with Lime Pictures on a number of storylines regarding character in Channel 4's Hollyoaks. More recently he appeared on the [BBC Hospital Documentary](#) highlighting the shortage of post-acute neurorehabilitation beds across the country.

Ivan also has experience of Radio work too; both being interviewed in the studio on BBC Merseyside Breakfast Show with Tony Snell and via the telephone with Debbie McCrory on Radio Cornwall's Afternoon Show. His involvement in the screening, assessment and rehabilitation of offenders has been covered widely across the news media with articles in The Guardian, The Independent and BBC Focus magazine and to the delight of Ivan's daughter's Elle magazine.