



FORENSIC INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

This forensic psychological assessment is being conducted at the request of

and is therefore somewhat different than other psychological services. It is important for you to understand how a forensic assessment differs from more traditional psychological assessments.

While the results of this assessment may or may not be helpful to you personally, the goal of this assessment is to provide information about how you are functioning psychologically to the individual or agency requesting the assessment.

In most cases, this assessment is intended for use in some type of legal proceeding. As such, the confidentiality of the assessment and the results are determined by the rules of that legal system. If your solicitor has requested this assessment, he/she will receive a copy of our report and will determine how it is to be used and who has access to it.

Normally, the results of this assessment are protected by solicitor-client privilege. Exceptions to this might include a determination on our part that you are dangerous to another person or if you reveal information that a child under the age of 17 has been abused. We would also have to release this information if a court orders us to do so. There may be other examples where the laws require us to release the information obtained during the assessment. We will discuss these situations on a case-by-case basis.

Once a decision has been made to use the report in a legal proceeding, the report and any information pertaining to it will probably be admissible into evidence as well as any other information that was provided concerning your mental health and functioning. If you have any concerns about the use or distribution of our report, you should discuss these issues carefully with your solicitor.

If someone other than your solicitor requested the assessment (e.g., the HSE), that individual is our client and will receive the original report. You are also entitled to a copy of the report. We will not release the information to anyone else unless instructed to do so by the person or entity that referred you or when we are legally required to do so.

Your participation in this assessment is voluntary. If you have any doubts or concerns regarding your participation in the assessment, please feel free to discuss them with us and/or consult with your solicitor.

The assessment itself consists of two separate parts: an oral interview and psychological testing. In addition, it may be necessary for us to review other related materials such as court records, depositions, transcripts, medical records, etc., and to talk to other professionals involved in the case. We may also ask you if we can talk to a significant other in your life. Because we work as a team, your case may also be discussed with other members of the FPS team.

If, at any time, you have a question about any aspect of the assessment or these procedures, please feel free to ask us. In addition, if at any time you need a break from the assessment, please let us know and we will stop. Once the assessment is completed, we will endeavour to have a meeting with you to explain the results and answer any questions you might have.

Please note: If appointments are not kept or are cancelled within less than 48 hours of the appointment time, the person who agreed to fund the assessment will incur charges for the unused time that has been set aside for these services.

I have read and agree to the above:

NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Signature

Date