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Maryam prosecutes and defends in a wide range of cases in the Crown Court including serious violence, fraud, drugs and sexual offences. She is regularly instructed to act as a junior, supporting very senior counsel in large cases which have recently included conspiracy to supply class A drugs, human trafficking, rape and historic sexual offences.

Prior to joining New Park Court Chambers, Maryam was employed by Ison Harrison Solicitors to work on the Hillsborough Inquests and is now developing a strong practice in inquests and regulation. She is familiar with the investigatory processes undertaken by Trusts and regulators following a serious incident and the voluminous documentation usually generated which often includes medical records, risk assessments, expert reports and social care records. Maryam is confident in dealing with expert evidence and her practice in these areas and in crime frequently requires her to cross-examine doctors, nurses, social workers and scientific experts.

Maryam has recently been instructed to represent bereaved families at inquests following the death of a loved-one who had been involved with NHS mental health services.

Maryam also has experience in providing advice to regulatory bodies including the Care Quality Commission and the General Medical Council. She is regularly instructed by the Nursing and Midwifery and Council in applications for conditions of practice and interim suspension orders.

Expertise

Crime

Notable Crime cases

R v HS and Others

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Defence junior in case of historic rape of a child. The defendant was one of 40 men prosecuted for offences against the same victim. The case involved analysis of thousands of pages of social care records and police disclosure.

R v KS and Others

Prosecution junior in a large conspiracy to supply class A drugs and human trafficking. This was a county lines case where children had been used to transport drugs from a city into a nearby town and would then “cuckoo” the flats and houses of other vulnerable people by using their homes as a base for selling drugs.

R v WA and Others

Prosecution junior in large conspiracy to supply class A drugs and human trafficking. This was a county lines case where children had been used to transport and sell drugs. The case involved the evidence of undercover officers and the analysis of cell-site data.

R v QH and Others

Prosecution junior in large conspiracy to supply class A drugs and human trafficking. This was a county lines case which involved the analysis of cell-site data and telephone downloads.

R v RH

Defending in a case involving kidnap and sexual assault.

R v KR

Defending in a case of attempting to meet a child following sexual grooming.

R v DD

Defending in a drugs case where the client was found to have been a victim of modern slavery.

R v RH and MC

Prosecuting conspiracy to supply over 20k of class A drugs. The case involved two scientific experts giving evidence on the psychoactive effect of particular substances used to adulterate a class A drug.

Inquests

Notable Inquests cases

SL

Instructed on behalf of the family of SL who died shortly after absconding from hospital. After a four-day inquest and cross-

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examination of witnesses including the treating clinician, two mental health nurses and an expert witness, it was clear that there were serious failures in the care given to SL.

VW

Instructed on behalf of the family in a five-day inquest which included cross-examination of three psychiatrists, an expert witness and four mental health nurses. A narrative conclusion was recorded by the Senior Coroner who found that VW, who had suffered from paranoid schizophrenia which was poorly managed, had not been stabilised on her medication at the time she was discharged from hospital.

MC

Instructed on behalf of the family of MC who died after she discharged herself from hospital. At the conclusion of a three-day hearing, during which evidence was given by the treating clinician, an expert witness and two nurses, the Senior Coroner was critical of the fact that the person who had assessed MC before she left the ward was not medically-trained. Conclusion of suicide recorded which reflected that, at the time MC engaged in the act that ended her life, the balance of her mind was disturbed.

BMM

Instructed on behalf of the family of BMM, who was a child. BMM had been discharged from children's mental health services when he died from an overdose. After a three-day inquest, during which evidence was given by two treating doctors, three nurses and two social workers, a narrative conclusion was recorded which reflected that the Senior Coroner could not be sure that BMM intended to take his own life, as there was evidence to suggest that his actions could have been a cry for help following his discharge from the service.

Regulation

Notable Regulation cases

JK

Nurse failed to disclose that she had received a criminal conviction. The panel found that she should have disclosed this and her entry on the NMC register was incorrectly made. She was removed from the register.

DH

Application for interim conditions of practice order for nurse alleged to have engaged in discriminatory and abusive behaviour towards patients and colleagues.

JG

Application for interim suspension order for nurse alleged to have been acting outside the scope of his competencies by performing minor surgeries in a private practice.

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RL

Application for interim conditions of practice order for nurse alleged to have failed to conduct proper assessments of children under his care.

Advisory work

Maryam has provided advice to the General Medical Council and the Care Quality Commission on cases that are currently under investigation.

Appointments

- CPS RASSO Panel Advocate
- CPS Level 3 Prosecutor
- Case Presenter for the Nursing and Midwifery Council

Education

- BPTC, (BPP Leeds Law School)
- LLM Senior Status Qualifying Law Degree (University of Leeds)
- BA (Hons) English Language & Literature (University of Leeds)

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