

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dananni Lewis

Registered Mental Health Nurse

GENERAL BACKGROUND

A Registered Mental Health Nurse since 2007, Dananni has developed extensive expertise across acute inpatient, crisis triage, community liaison, and urgent care settings. Trained at the internationally recognised King's College London, Dananni brings a comprehensive clinical background to high-stakes risk assessment, Mental Health Act implementation, and multidisciplinary care planning.

Throughout a diverse career working at senior Band 6 and 7 levels, Dananni has demonstrated exceptional clinical leadership. This includes driving service transformation, serious incident investigations, and providing board-level insights on governance within a CQC 'Outstanding' NHS Trust.

Dananni excels in critical analysis and professional judgement, particularly concerning suicide prevention—working fully aligned with the latest 2025 NHS England guidelines—and navigating complex statutory frameworks including the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS). Combining clinical rigour with managerial expertise, Dananni is highly proficient in preparing detailed, defensible clinical documentation for governance, safeguarding, and legal purposes. Demonstrating a robust ability to withstand legal scrutiny, Dananni has proven experience delivering formal oral evidence under cross-examination at Coroner's Court on multiple occasions.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- **Clinical Populations:** Adult Mental Health & Addictions | Older Adult Mental Health | CAMHS
- **Legal & Statutory:** Mental Health Act | Mental Capacity Act | Deprivation of Liberty (DoLS) | Safeguarding (Adults & Children)
- **Risk & Crisis:** Suicide Prevention | Conflict Resolution / PMVA / MAPPA / AVERTS
- **Governance & Quality:** Serious Untoward Incident (SUI) Investigations | CQC Regulations & Quality Improvement | Medicines Management | Employment & Sickness Management

WORK HISTORY

Senior Nurse Practitioner | Cromwell Medical Community & Liaison Services *March 2023 – December 2024*

- Delivered autonomous senior clinical practice across acute mental health settings, managing complex caseloads requiring rapid risk assessment and care planning under severe time constraints.
- Provided expert gatekeeping based on CRHTT criteria, completing comprehensive risk formulations that incorporated baseline physical assessments.
- Advised multidisciplinary teams on the management and treatment interventions for patients in acute crisis, focusing on minimizing risk, ensuring safe care, and facilitating early discharge pathways.

Senior Practitioner | Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust *December 2021 – April 2023 | Mental Health Urgent Care*

- Provided senior clinical leadership within urgent care pathways, focusing on rapid assessment, risk management, and the de-escalation of acute mental health crises.
- Acted as an autonomous practitioner dealing with highly charged and complex situations, utilizing advanced communication skills to diffuse conflict regarding clinical priorities.
- Established effective working relationships with patients, families, and carers, ensuring clinical rights and statutory frameworks were upheld throughout the care planning process.

Mental Health Nurse | Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust *September 2018 – November 2021 Acute & Forensics*

- Worked dynamically across acute inpatient and community crisis settings, managing highly complex caseloads and acting as a senior clinical point of contact.

- **Legal Proceedings:** Prepared comprehensive clinical reports and attended Coroner's Court on three occasions to provide formal evidence regarding serious incidents, risk assessments, and multidisciplinary care delivery.
- Conducted rigorous gatekeeping assessments and formulated acute care plans, advising MDTs on diagnosis and treatment interventions to promote safe recovery and hospital avoidance.

Clinical Lead | East London Foundation Trust (CQC 'Outstanding') April 2016 – August 2018 | Acute Triage Ward

- Directed clinical admissions and drove service transformation initiatives, contributing board-level insights on governance, risk management, and service user safety.
- Managed the single point of admission for Newham's acute mental health care, achieving an average 5-day length of stay through rapid clinical risk assessments and robust discharge planning.
- Coordinated complex case management with Responsible Clinicians, AMHPs, and urgent care services, routinely producing defensible clinical documentation under intense scrutiny.

Deputy Ward Manager | Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust July 2012 – March 2014 | Acute Inpatient Mental Health

- Senior leadership role managing acute admissions, complex risk formulations, and multidisciplinary care planning; facilitated regular clinical, managerial, and professional supervision for staff and students.

Staff Nurse | South London & Maudsley / South West London & St Georges NHS Trusts September 2007 – June 2012

- Developed core clinical competencies in comprehensive mental health assessment, risk management, and multidisciplinary care planning.
- International Clinical Standards Analysis: Selected to represent the Trust at an international psychiatric conference in Finland, engaging in cross-cultural comparative analysis of global mental health frameworks, legislation, and clinical best practices.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- **BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies (Mental Health) – 2:1 | King's College London | 2007**
- **Lead Clinicians Leadership Programme | The King's Fund | Pass | 2017**

TRAINING

- **Staying Safe from Suicide Guidance | NHS England | 2025**
- **Suicide Prevention Training | Zero Suicide Alliance (ZSA) | 2024**
- **Level 3 & 4 Safeguarding (Adults & Children) | Train Healthcare | 2024**
- **Basic Life Support / Manual Handling / Equality & Diversity | Train Healthcare & ACI | 2024**

EXPERT WITNESS BACKGROUND

Dananni accepts instructions for clinical negligence and personal injury cases, providing CPR Part 35-compliant reports regarding standards of care, breach of duty, causation, and quantum needs. Strong clinical expertise and professionalism have seamlessly translated into medico-legal work, supported by continuous professional development. Dananni is currently booked to attend the Bond Solon Certificated Legal Training Courses: "Excellence in Report Writing" and "Courtroom Skills - Witness Familiarisation" in May 2026.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- The King's Fund Alumni