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Her clinical work is focused mainly on neuropsychiatry with assessment and management of patients referred by neurology and neurosurgical colleagues. Ivana also provides the medical input for the Huntington's Disease/Younger Peoples Memory Service for the region.

Research interests are focused in two main areas, which are related. The first area is descriptive psychopathology from an epistemological perspective, i.e. developing an understanding of the nature and structure of mental phenomena (including their determination and elicitation) and relationship to brain processes. In particular this is exploring conceptual problems underlying many of the assumptions that underpin empirical research. This involves not only conceptual and philosophical analysis but also historical exploration in order to determine the specific components of mental constructs and the nature of their 'validity'. It is essential to define these conceptual problems clearly, so that meaningful empirical work can be carried out.

The second is neuropsychiatry, i.e. the psychiatry manifested in the presence of specific brain disease. In this context, current projects include the exploration of irritability in patients with Huntington's disease and Alzheimer's disease (with colleagues in Cambridge). In addition, Ivana is collaborating with colleagues in Wales in projects exploring insight in subjects with Alzheimer's disease.

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