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## EDUCATION

### University of Oxford

2013 - 2017

#### ● *DPhil in Psychiatry*

Thesis: "Violence in severe mental illness: Risk factors, risk assessment, and prevention"

### University of York

2010 - 2011

#### ● *MSc in Applied Health Research*

Project: "Predictive factors of individual changes in problem drinking in brief interventions"

2007 - 2010

#### ● *BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*

Focus on Health Economics and Quantitative Research Methods

### Royal Society of Public Health

● Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health (FRSPH)

### CPRD Expert Review Committee

2021 - 2022

● Member of the CPRD Expert Review Committee at the MHRA

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Evidera (PPD)

Jan 2023 - Current

#### ● *Research Scientist (Real-World Evidence)*

Scientist in the Data Analytics group, providing evidence-based solutions on the real-world effectiveness, safety, and value of biopharmaceutical and biotechnology products.

### Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency

Jul 2022 - Jan 2022

#### ● *Head of Diagnostics*

Lead the Diagnostics team in Innovative Devices at MHRA to ensure availability of safe and effective In-Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) devices to UK patients.

### Department of Psychiatry University of Oxford

Jul 2018 - Dec 2022

#### ● *Honorary Researcher*

Statistical, technical and methodological assistance and advice on clinical prediction rules, evidence synthesis, and data linkage studies.

### UK Health Security Agency

Dec 2021 - Jul 2022

#### ● *Head of Symptomatic Testing, Antivirals and Guidance*

Head of the team responsible for England's policy on symptomatic testing, antivirals and guidance for Covid19, including throughout the Omicron wave.

### UK Health Security Agency

Sep 2021 - Dec 2021

#### ● *Head of Strategic Development - Centre for Pandemic Preparedness*

Strategy Lead during the setup phase of the new Centre for Pandemic Preparedness at the UK Health Security Agency.

### NHS Test and Trace, Dept of Health and Social Care

Sep 2020 - Oct 2021

#### ● *Head of Cross-Cutting Policy*

Leading a team of policy and public health specialists working on complex cross-cutting policy at NHS Test and Trace, England's COVID-19 contract tracing and testing system.

### Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency

May 2018 - Aug 2020

#### ● *CPRD Senior Researcher*

Senior Researcher in the Observational Research Team at the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD), the NHS observational data and interventional research service.

### St Andrew's Healthcare & University of Oxford

Sep 2017 - Apr 2018

#### ● *Senior Research Fellow & Honorary Research Associate*

Research collaboration between St Andrew's Healthcare and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford into translational research in mental health.

### Department of Psychiatry University of Oxford

Jan 2012 - Aug 2017

#### ● *Research Assistant*

Wellcome Trust funded project investigating associations between severe mental illness and violent crime using Swedish national population registers.

### FEMME study

University of Oxford

Oct-Dec 2011

#### ● *Intern and Coordinator*

Trial coordinator for the Oxford site of the multi-centre FEMME study (uterine artery embolisation vs. myomectomy for uterine fibroids).

## PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH

- Sariaslan A, (...) Wolf A, (...) Fazel S  
**Psychiatric comorbidity and risk of premature mortality and suicide among those with chronic respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes – *PLOS Medicine* (2022)**
- Fazel S, (...) Wolf A, (...) Fanshawe T  
**Modifiable risk factors for inpatient violence in psychiatric hospital: prospective study and prediction model – *Psychological Medicine* (2021)**
- Requena G, Wolf A, (...) Pimenta JM  
**Feasibility of using CPRD data to identify patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease to enrol into real-world trials – *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety* (2020)**
- Wolf A, Dedman D, (...) Myles P  
**Data resource profile: Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD) Aurum  
*International Journal of Epidemiology* (2019)**
- Yukhnenko D, Wolf A, (...) Fazel S  
**Recidivism rates in individuals receiving community sentences: A systematic review  
*PLOS ONE* (2019)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Fanshawe TR  
**The prediction of suicide in severe mental illness: development and validation of a clinical prediction rule (OxMIS) - *Translational Psychiatry* (2019)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Fanshawe TR  
**Prediction of violent reoffending in prisoners and individuals on probation: a Dutch validation study (OxRec) - *Scientific Reports* (2019)**
- Wolf A, Fanshawe TR, (...) Fazel S  
**Prediction of violent crime on discharge from secure psychiatric hospitals: A clinical prediction rule (FoVOx) - *European Psychiatry* (2018)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Fanshawe TR  
**Identification of low risk of violent crime in severe mental illness with a clinical prediction tool (OxMIV) - *Lancet Psychiatry* (2017)**
- Wolf A, Whiting D, Fazel S  
**Violence prevention in psychiatry: an umbrella review of interventions in general and forensic psychiatry - *Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology* (2017)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, Fimińska Z, Larsson H  
**Mortality, Rehospitalisation and Violent Crime in Forensic Psychiatric Patients Discharged from Hospital: Rates and Risk Factors - *PLOS ONE* (2016)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A  
**A Systematic Review of Criminal Recidivism Rates Worldwide: Current Difficulties and Recommendations for Best Practice - *PLOS ONE* (2015)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Lichtenstein P  
**Depression and violence: a Swedish population study  
*Lancet Psychiatry* (2015)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, Palm C, Lichtenstein P  
**Violent crime, suicide, and premature mortality in patients with schizophrenia and related disorders - *Lancet Psychiatry* (2014)**
- Wolf A, Gray R, Fazel S  
**Violence as a public health problem: an ecological study of 169 countries  
*Social Science & Medicine* (2014)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Långström N  
**Suicide, fatal injuries, and other causes of premature mortality in patients with traumatic brain injury - *JAMA Psychiatry* (2014)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Lichtenstein P  
**Premature mortality in epilepsy and the role of psychiatric comorbidity: a total population study - *Lancet* (2013)**
- Fazel S, Wolf A, Geddes JR  
**Suicide in prisoners with bipolar disorder and other psychiatric disorders: a systematic review  
*Bipolar Disorders* (2013)**
- Lv Y, Wolf A, Wang X  
**Experienced stigma and self-stigma in Chinese patients with schizophrenia  
*General Hospital Psychiatry* (2012)**
- Beijer U, Wolf A, Fazel S  
**Prevalence of TB, hepatitis C virus, and HIV in homeless people: A systematic review and meta-analysis – *Lancet Infectious Diseases* (2012)**

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Wolf A, Hulmes J, Hopkins S	● <b>Lateral flow device specificity in phase 4 (post-marketing) surveillance</b> <i>Gov.UK Research and Analysis (2021)</i>
Fazel S, Wolf A	● <b>Selecting a risk assessment tool to use in practice: a 10-point guide</b> <i>Evidence-Based Mental Health (2017)</i>
Fazel S, Wolf A	● <b>Suicide risk assessment tools do not perform worse than clinical judgement</b> <i>British Journal of Psychiatry, Correspondence (2017)</i>
Fazel S, Wolf A	● <b>Perspective: What is the impact of a research publication?</b> <i>Evidence-Based Mental Health (2017)</i>
Wolf A, Fazel S	● <b>Overstating the lack of evidence on suicide risk assessment</b> <i>British Journal of Psychiatry, Correspondence (2016)</i>
Wolf A	● <b>Facebook and mental wellbeing: a crossover randomised controlled study</b> <i>F1000 Research (2016)</i>
Wolf A, Fazel S	● <b>Infection in people with severe mental illness</b> <i>Lancet Psychiatry, Correspondence (2016)</i>
Wolf A, Fazel S	● <b>Epilepsy and early deaths: the real risks (feature)</b> <i>Epilepsy Professional (2013)</i>
Wolf A	● <b>Note on the Save the Children 'Child Development Index' (CDI)</b> <i>Cited in UNDP report (2009)</i>

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology	● <b>Symposium: Thinking globally while acting locally: Developing time-on-treatment data in international settings – Philadelphia (PA) (2019)</b>
FDA International Regulators' Forum	● <b>Perspectives from CPRD on the Sentinel Common Data Model</b> <i>Silver Spring (MD) (2019)</i>
Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry Conference	● <b>Brief approaches for violence risk assessment: can they be accurate?</b> <i>Madrid (2017)</i>
Research in Forensic Mental Health Services Conference	● <b>OxMIV - prediction of violent crime in severe mental illness</b> <i>King's College London (2016)</i>
International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Conference	● <b>Adverse outcomes in schizophrenia: rates, trends, and risk factors</b> <i>Manchester (2015)</i>
Science Media Centre Presentation	● <b>Presentation to international media on the link between depression and violence</b> <i>Wellcome Trust (2015)</i>
International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Conference	● <b>Primary and secondary violence prevention strategies</b> <b>Suicide in prisoners with bipolar disorder and other psychiatric disorders</b> <b>Distal risk factors for violent crime in individuals with schizophrenia</b> <i>Maastricht (2013)</i>

## LANGUAGES

German	=====
French	=====
English	=====
Spanish	=====

## WEB DESIGN

### OxRisk.com

Platform for freely available web-based risk calculators in psychiatry.

### Oxford-FB.com

Information and recruitment for research study into social media and mental wellbeing

### FPRS.org

Website for the Forensic Psychiatry Research Society