

## **Liz Pellicano, PhD**

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Liz trained as an educational psychologist in Perth, Australia, where she also completed her PhD on the cognitive profile of children with autism, before becoming a Research Fellow in Psychiatry at the University of Oxford. She became Director of CRAE in January 2013. Liz is currently editor of the journal, *Autism*, and has been awarded several national and international prizes for her research, including most recently the Philip Leverhulme Prize for outstanding contribution to the field of psychology.