

## Niamh McGinty

Year of Call: 2021

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Niamh specialises in all areas of criminal law, and welcomes instructions for both prosecution and defence. She maintains a busy practice across a broad range of offences, including drug production and supply, fraud, firearms, domestic violence, and serious sexual and violent offences. She is a Level 3 Crown Prosecutor.

Niamh recently appeared as defence counsel in a multi-defendant EncroChat case concerning allegations of conspiracy to possess firearms with an intent to endanger life. She has also been led in a case involving multiple complainants of serious sexual abuse spanning several decades. Niamh has experience in handling vulnerable witnesses and sensitive evidence.

Niamh has a client-focussed approach and prides herself on her personable nature and attention to detail. Her early engagement with the issues in a case often leads to practical and effective resolutions, and she has secured strong outcomes for clients in both legally aided and privately funded work.

Niamh was called to the Bar in 2021. She completed pupillage in 2022 under the supervision of Paul Treble. Prior to coming to the Bar, she worked as a Court Clerk at Minshull Street Crown Court.

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### Education

Durham University, Sociology, First Class Honours  
BPP Law School Manchester, Graduate Diploma in Law  
BPP Law School Manchester, Bar Training Course  
BPP Law School Manchester, Career Guarantee Scholarship  
BPP Law School Manchester, Advocacy Excellence Scholarship  
Inner Temple Exhibition Scholar

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### Professional Memberships

The Honourable Society of Inner Temple  
Northern Circuit  
Criminal Bar Association

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### Notable Cases

**Operation Dryer (2025)** - represented a defendant involved in a large conspiracy of possession of firearms with intent to endanger life involving the use of EncroChat devices.

**Operation Bunker (2024)** – junior counsel representing a defendant charged with sexual abuse of seven complainants.

**R v K (2024)** – represented a defendant charged with controlling and coercive behaviour and various violent offences at trial, ultimately acquitted.

**R v PD (2024)** – represented a defendant charged with kidnap, false imprisonment and assault.

**R v RM (2025)** – represented a vulnerable woman charged with child neglect, secured a conditional discharge.

**R v LM (2025)** – secured acquittal for a defendant charged with controlling and coercive behaviour through arguments on disclosure.

**R v M [2022]** – Benefit fraud. No evidence offered following an application to exclude evidence on account of a vulnerable defendant not having access to an appropriate adult in interview.