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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERTISE

Profession

Independent Social Worker

Areas of Expertise

- ABE Trained
- Merton Compliant Age Assessment Trained
- Pre-Birth Assessments
- Parenting Assessments.

I undertake independent assessments in a variety of areas and write reports for the courts relating to children and parents or other family members.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- An accomplished Independent Social Worker with 19 years post qualified experience.
- Working with children, and a genuine interest and enthusiasm for ensuring their welfare and safeguarding.
- Well versed in meeting the daily needs of children and facilitating the provision of physical and emotional care, working as part of teams to achieve the highest standards.
- Extensive knowledge in providing social care for young people of all ages and undertaking effective case management, assessments, referrals and special projects.
- ABE Trained, Merton Compliant Age Assessment Trained, Pre-Birth Assessments, Parenting Assessments.
- SW England registered with clear enhanced DBS and fully compliant paperwork.

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REPORTS

I have completed 20 Court Reports annually.

QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING & RESEARCH

Qualifications

- BA (Hons.) Social Work
- Diploma in Social Work
- Merton Trained (age assessments)
- ABE Interviews Trained
- Certificate for Individual Responsible Person (via ISWP in Jan 2023)

MEMBERSHIPS & PUBLICATIONS

Professional Memberships

- SWE Membership Number SW102388
- Professional Member of BASW

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Clear enhanced DBS and fully compliant paperwork.
- Professional Indemnity Cover Provided by BASW

Appendix

CHRONOLOGICAL WORK HISTORY

Agency / Company Date	Role
Independent Social Worker Fern Valley Care Services (work commissioned by Independent Social Work Partnership) Nov 2022 – Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Undertaking work to provide support for children in care, their carers and families in a child-centred manner to support the achievement of positive outcomes.▪ Completing parenting assessments (pre) and Merton age assessments (+20) both as independent and for the LA▪ Completing immigration reports (+20) both as independent for the LA.▪ Performing supervision of conduct work.

<p>Social Worker</p> <p>Surrey County Council (MASH Team)</p> <p>Oct 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertook work as part of a fast paced and busy team of 5 Social Workers, who responded to referrals received from professionals, anonymous callers and members of the public to ensure that children and families received the right interventions. ▪ Unfortunately, there was a change in Head of Service who performed a spending review and cancelled the positions.
<p>Senior Practitioner (Referrals & Assessments)</p> <p>London Borough of Newham</p> <p>Dec 2022 – Jul 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Managed a breadth of referrals and performed assessments to arrange alternative care for children as appropriate, where it was no longer suitable within the community. ▪ Provided support to individuals who were caring for children at home, as well as looked after children. ▪ Mitigated risks, managed caseloads and worked closely with other Practitioners to deliver successful outcomes for children, carers and families. ▪ Kept up-to-date with changing legislation and departmental policies and procedures. ▪ Performed age assessments for unaccompanied minors as well as pre-birth assessments as required. ▪ Prepared initial statements for cases where interim care orders were being pursued by the Local Authority.
<p>Project Social Worker (Referrals & Assessments)</p> <p>London Borough of Enfield</p> <p>Oct 2021 – Oct 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivered comprehensive support on a backlog of high risk and complex cases to meet targets and requirements. ▪ Provided support to Social Workers and drove best practice to achieve positive outcomes for children and families, in collaboration with multi-agency networks. ▪ Worked on the development of appropriate personal plans. ▪ Supervised the case work of team members and ensured the upholding of standards. ▪ Completed special guardianship assessments (+20) and viability assessments (+15) as an ISW and for the

	<p>LA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertook assessments of private law cases (section 7 (+30) and section 37 reports). ▪ Completed immigration reports (+20). ▪ Conducted ABE interviews (+10) and also completed kinship assessments (connected).
<p>Senior Social Worker (Assessment Team / Children in Need of Support and Protection)</p> <p>London Borough of Haringey</p> <p>Jul 2021 – Oct 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performed assessments with respect to the risk of possible harm to children. ▪ Managed complex cases and undertook child protection investigations, case work for children in care / children in need, and acted as the Lead Safeguarding Professional. ▪ Accurately assessed children, carers and families, where the situation was high-risk. ▪ Applied the Signs of Safety approach to all work undertaken with children. ▪ Undertook assessments of private law cases (section 7 and section 37 reports).
<p>Project Social Worker (Slough Safeguarding Team)</p> <p>Innovate Children and Young Peoples Services</p> <p>Oct 2020 – Jun 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertook work on a time limited project as part of a team to provide advice to care homes, where children and young people were placed. ▪ Managed a complex caseload of 35+ and undertook child protection investigations. ▪ Supported young people to secure supported living accommodation through effective mentoring / counselling skills. ▪ Monitored the progress of children through audits and carefully tailored care plans. ▪ Identified when to offer therapy sessions to CAMHS young persons and worked in partnership with multi-disciplinary teams in CAMHS hospitals. ▪ Attended placement planning meetings for looked after children, and advised managers on procurement processes for children in supported living. ▪ Supervised 5 students on placements to meet targets and provided mentorship. ▪ Undertook assessments of private law cases (section 7 and section 37 reports).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Directed parenting assessments for law cases (+20) and completed kinship assessments (connected).
<p>Senior Social Worker (Referral and Assessment Team)</p> <p>London Borough of Barking and Dagenham</p> <p>Jul 2018 – Oct 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessed necessary actions required to arrange alternative care for children where it was no longer suitable within the community. ▪ Supported individuals and families to maintain care for children at home, as well as those who are looked after, inclusive of carer support. ▪ Actively coordinated and encouraged an enabling attitude for families to keep children within their natural families where possible, which drove a prevention in family breakdowns and avoided poor childcare outcomes. ▪ Kept abreast of changing legislation as well as departmental policies / procedures, and maintained accurate details on case management systems. ▪ Delivered successful outcomes for clients, carers and families by gaining mutual trust to understand needs appropriately. ▪ Carried out age assessments for unaccompanied minors as well as pre-birth assessments. ▪ Prepared initial statements for cases where interim care orders were being pursued by the Local Authority.
<p>Social Worker (Access and Assessment Team)</p> <p>Reading Borough Council</p> <p>Feb 2018 – Jun 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertook work on the Access and Assessment Team to manage a large caseload and provide positive outcomes for service users. ▪ Completed viability assessments as well as kinship assessments (connected). ▪ Provided evidence in court for interim care orders.
<p>Social Worker (Safeguarding Team)</p> <p>London Borough of Croydon</p> <p>Oct 2017 – Feb 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed updated core assessments and undertook child protection investigations. ▪ Convened personal education plan and legal planning meetings. ▪ Created statements and care plans for court hearings and provided verbal presentations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensured that child protection plans were implemented, and services highlighted to address the needs of families. ▪ Presented at child protection case conferences and completed CP review reports. ▪ Generated statements and final evidence reports along with care plans. ▪ Imparted advice to Managers on procurement processes for children in supported living. ▪ Completed section 37 reports, viability assessments (x12), kinship assessments (connected) and Merton assessments (x10).
<p>Senior Social Worker (Referral and Assessment Team)</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council</p> <p>Nov 2016 – Oct 2017</p>	
<p>Senior Social Worker (Referral and Assessment Team)</p> <p>Reading Borough Council</p> <p>Jul 2016 – Nov 2017</p>	
<p>Senior Social Worker (Referral and Assessment Team)</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council</p> <p>Sep 2015 – Jul 2016</p>	
<p>Senior Social Worker (Referral and Assessment Team)</p> <p>Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead</p> <p>May 2015 – Sep 2015</p>	
<p>Senior Social Worker (Referral and Assessment Team)</p> <p>Hampshire County Council</p> <p>Jan 2015 – Apr 2015</p>	
<p>Various Social Work Roles</p> <p>Sep 2005 – Dec 2014</p>	