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ANGELINE SEYMOUR

BA(HONS)

SUMMARY:

A BA (Hons) Senior Social Worker who has worked as an Approved Social Worker specialising in immigration, adult mental health as well as child and family work. I hold the PQSW and have a wealth of experience in compiling court and tribunal reports for a wide variety of clients using health and social care services including older people and those of working age. I have been trained in the use of Age (Merton) assessments by the London Refugee Council and I have worked as an appropriate adult, first and second assessing Social Worker in Merton compliant age assessments. I have completed the Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Family Expert Witness Certificate encompassing Family Law and Procedure. I currently work as an independent social worker completing assessments and reports for local authorities, solicitors and private court cases. The fields I specialise in are mental health and forensic, age assessing, immigration and Best Interest assessments under Deprivation of Liberty safeguards.

EDUCATION:

June - Dec 1995 West Sussex County Council Social Services Department

City & Guilds of London Institute NVQ level 2- Special Care Needs.

1996 - 1998 Northbrook College Worthing West Sussex

BTEC GNVQ- Health & Social Care (Advanced)

1998 - 2000 University College Chichester West Sussex

Diploma in Social Work (CCETSW)

June 2005 – University College Chichester, West Sussex.

BA (Hons) Post Qualifying Studies in Social Work

September 2005 – Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton, West Sussex.

Post Qualifying Award in Social Work

FURTHER TRAINING:

Sept 1994-Feb 1995 Open University

"Working with Older People (Course P654)" (4 assignments; 50 Hours study)

July 2001 West Sussex Joint Training Initiative & The Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, Worthing, West Sussex.

"Care Management and Risk Management Training"

July 2001 West Sussex Joint Training Initiative & The Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, Worthing, West Sussex.

"Role of the Care Coordinator"

Feb 2003- July 2003 University of Brighton

"Mental Health Social Work Award" (Approved Social Work Training)

October 2005 West Sussex Joint Training Initiative & The Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, Worthing, West Sussex.

"Contingency & Crisis Planning"

November 2005 University of Brighton, East Sussex

"Mental Health & Substance Misuse"

Dec 2006 West Sussex County Council/ Sussex Police Service

"Joint Investigation in Adult Protection"

April 2008 Priory Group

"Revised Mental Health Act 2007"

"HCR20" (violence risk assessment scheme)

"PCLR-SV" (assessment of psychopathy)

"RSVP" (risk for sexual violence protocol)

June 2009 West Sussex County Council

"Child Protection"

January 2010 Refugee Council London

"Age (Merton) Assessments"

January 2010 Sussex Partnership Trust

"Self Directed Support"

January 2010 Sussex Partnership Trust

"STEPPS TRAINING"

(Systems Training for Emotional Predictability and Problem Solving)

November 2010 Willis Palmer

"Risk Assessment in Cases Of Child Sexual Abuse"

February 2011 Cardiff University law School Bond Solon "Family Expert Witness Certificate"

July 2013 Bournemouth University "Best Interest Assessor"

August 2013 Notts Health Care NHS Trust

"Professional Development Training"

September 2013 Notts Health Care NHS Trust "Supervision training"

September 2013 Royal College Psychiatrists "Mental Health of Asylum Seekers"

February 2014 Birmingham University

"Assessing risk in sex offenders who have learning difficulties

April 2014 Leicester City Council

"DASH Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence"

January 2016 NAGALRO

"Assessing the best interests of asylum seeking children"

PRESENT POST:

I am currently working as an independent social worker and director of Social Work Reports Ltd. I continue to complete reports and assessments for legal proceedings through solicitors, local authorities, private individuals and social care agencies within the immigration, child care and mental health fields.

PREVIOUS POSTS:

February 2011-August 2012 returning in December 2012- February 2014

Senior Forensic Social Worker, Arnold Lodge Medium Secure Unit, Nottingham NHS. Duties in Post:

To:

• manage a team of social workers, quality assurance of reports and assessments, liaising with management, delegating and managing staff.

- work with child protection agencies and complete child protection and visiting procedures to ensure safe environments for families and children visiting the clients.
- practise as a qualified Social Worker within an secure inpatient setting for medium security clients.
- Work within the local authorities POVA policy and implement this throughout the staff at Arnold Lodge.
- prepare and present court and tribunal reports.
- work within the Mental Health Act, Mental Capacity Act and The Children Act to assess and provide safe environments for visiting procedures.
- Complete and support clients with assessments of capacity and best interest decisions.
- work as part as a disciplinary team to form a clear and transparent care pathway for patients and their families and carers. These clients <u>all</u> have complex needs including co-existing combinations of:
 - severe and enduring mental illness
 - organic conditions
 - personality disorder
 - learning disability
 - substance misuse issues
 - forensic backgrounds and a possible history of dangerousness

June 2011-August 2011

Locum Senior Social Worker Birmingham AOT Birmingham City Council **Duties in Post:**

To deliver mental health care as part of a multi-disciplinary team in a form that is acceptable to community-based clients who are usually reluctant to engage with mental health services. These clients **all** have complex needs including co-existing combinations of:

- severe and enduring mental illness
- organic conditions,
- personality disorder,
- learning disability.

My role within the team included duties as a Social Worker which entailed working across all age groups to assess mental states and vulnerability to strike a balance between client

safety and that of children and others in the community. Working within the local authorities SOVA policy and investigating any reported incidents.

September 2009-June 2010

Locum Senior Social Worker Horsham CMHT West Sussex Social Services **Duties in Post:**

To:

• work within the Mental Health Act and The Children Act to assess and provide safe environments for clients, children and carers.

- work in partnership with Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services as well as child protection services.
- practise as a qualified Social Worker within a community, recovery team setting with mental health clients.
- prepare and present court and tribunal reports. Including assessments of capacity, views of the multi-disciplinary team, risks to self and others.
- work as part as a disciplinary team to form a clear and transparent care pathway for
 patients, their families and carers. These clients <u>all</u> have complex needs including coexisting combinations of:
 - severe and enduring mental illness
 - organic conditions
 - personality disorder
 - learning disability
 - substance misuse issues

January 2009-May 2009

Locum Senior Forensic Practitioner, Hellingly Hospital, East Sussex Social Services. **Duties in Post:**

To:

- work within the Mental Health Act and The Children Act to assess and provide safe environments for visiting procedures.
- Work with child protection agencies to ensure safe environments for families and clients.
- practise as a qualified Social Worker within an secure inpatient setting with low security clients, as well as community based clients.
- prepare and present court and tribunal reports. Including assessments of capacity, views of the multi-disciplinary team, risks to self and others.
- work as part as a disciplinary team to form a clear and transparent care pathway for patients, their families and carers. These clients <u>all</u> have complex needs including coexisting combinations of:
 - severe and enduring mental illness
 - organic conditions
 - personality disorder
 - learning disability
 - substance misuse issues
 - a history of dangerousness

January 2008 - January 2009

Approved Senior Social Worker, Farmfield Hospital, Priory Secure Services, West Sussex. Duties in Post:

To:

 Work with child protection agencies to ensure safe environments for families and clients

- practise as a qualified Social Worker within an secure inpatient setting for low and medium security clients.
- prepare and present court and tribunal reports.
- work within the Mental Health Act and The Children Act to assess and provide safe environments for visiting procedures.
- work as part as a disciplinary team to form a clear and transparent care pathway for patients and their families and carers. These clients <u>all</u> have complex needs including co-existing combinations of:
 - severe and enduring mental illness
 - organic conditions
 - personality disorder
 - learning disability
 - substance misuse issues
 - forensic backgrounds and a possible history of dangerousness

January 2005 – January 2008

Approved Senior Social Worker, Assertive Outreach Team, Southern Locality, Sussex Partnership NHS Trust, West Sussex.

Duties in Post:

To deliver mental health care as part of a multi-disciplinary team in a form that is acceptable to community-based clients who are usually reluctant to engage with mental health services. These clients all have complex needs including co-existing combinations of:

- severe and enduring mental illness
- organic conditions,
- personality disorder,
- learning disability.

My role within the team included duties as an Approved Social Worker which entails working across all age groups to assess mental states and vulnerability to strike a balance between client safety and that of children and others in the community.

June 2004 - January 2005

St. Barnabas Hospice, Durrington, Worthing, West Sussex

Senior Social Worker

I was working with an agency during unpaid maternity leave at the hospice which is for Older People (inpatients and community patients) with a terminal illness.

June 2000 - January 2005

West Sussex Social Services Dept, Midhurst CMHT, West Sussex

Approved Social Worker

After qualifying I worked in this semi-rural community mental health team initially as a social worker with in Midhurst CMHT then recently an Approved Senior Social Worker now AMPH.

Oct 1998 - 2000

West Sussex Social Services Dept, Home Care Team, Littlehampton

Care Assistant, Home Care Team.

Reason for leaving: To pursue a career in social work.

May 1995- Oct 1998

West Sussex Social Services Dept. Hampton House, Littlehampton

Care Assistant Part 3 Residential Care Home.

Reason for leaving: Achieving DIPSW training.

Oct 1994-May 1995

St Bridget's Cheshire Home, Littlehampton

Home Care Assistant for respite care services.

Reason for leaving: To commence employment with WSCC Social Services Dept.