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H e l e n H a w k i n s

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SUMMARY:

I qualified as a social worker in 2008. Throughout my career as a social worker I have consistently carried out Care Proceedings and Private Law Proceedings, where I have gained significant experience preparing assessments for the Courts. This has included preparing, Section 7 and Section 37 reports, Kinship Care/Special Guardian Order assessments, Pre-Birth assessments, Pre-sentence reports, Initial SWETS, Risk Assessments, Parenting Assessments, Viability Assessments, Child Permanence Reports and Final Evidence reports. I have experience of providing evidence in cases that have been contested and cases also heard by the High Court.

I have 11 years of front-line child protection, social work experience and have managed complicated cases throughout my career, due to my ability to assess risk and report my findings to Court, both in assessment format and verbally.

I now work as an Independent Social Worker producing reports for local authorities and the Courts. Assessing the best interests of children and their families is an integral part of my work.

EDUCATION:

2005-2008

Open University BA (hons) social work

1998 – 2001

Durham University BA (hons) Anthropology

FURTHER TRAINING:

- Private Law assessments, section 7 and section 37 reports
- Pre-Birth assessments
- Initial Child Protection reports
- Care proceedings
- Initial SWETS and Final Evidence

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- Viability assessments
- Risk assessments
- Kinship care / Special Guardian Assessments
- Child Permanence reports
- Sibling Separation assessments
- Looked After Children reports
- Sibling separation assessments

PRESENT POST:

I am currently an Independent Social Worker completing assessments such as, Section 7 and Section 37 reports, Kinship Care/Special Guardian Order assessments, Pre-Birth assessments, Pre-sentence reports, Initial SWETS, risk assessments, Parenting Assessments, Viability Assessments, Child Permanence Reports and Final Evidence reports. I am also an Independent Reviewing Officer and chair Initial Child Protection Conferences and subsequent review conferences.

PREVIOUS POSTS:

Independent Reviewing Officer

November 2019 to present

Duties in post:

- chair Initial Child Protection Conferences and subsequent review conferences.
- work within the Children Act and related local policies.
- ensure care plans for children in care are legally compliant and, in the child's best interest.
- oversee the child's care plan and ensure everyone contributing to this fulfils their legal obligations to the child.
- challenge local authorities care plans, within the court arena as well as safeguarding planning.

Senior Social Worker Paramount Consultancy (project team)

Duty and assessment team

July 2019 to November 2019

Duties in post:

- support the local authority to progress with their back log of duty and assessments.
- ensure high quality reports and assessments were provided for families.
- Produce initial child protection conferences and initial SWET reports.
- work within The Children Act and related local policies.

Senior Social Worker Attenti Assessments (Project team) LAC team 4

Middlesbrough Council

May 2009 to July 2019

Duties in post:

- support the local authority to progress with their back log back log of care proceeding cases.
- ensure that cases are presented at Court, in order to ensure permanence for children.
- complete initial SWETs, risk assessments, sibling separation assessments, Special Guardianship reports and Child Permanence reports.
- work within the Children Act and related local policies.

Assistant Team Manager Jersey

September 2018 to July 2019

Duties in post:

- supervise family support workers.
- carry out team meetings, strategy meetings.
- chair legal meetings and also performance meetings.
- case manage two sets of care proceedings, which became subject to media attention.

Senior Practitioner Field Work 3 – Long Term/CP Team

Stockton Borough Council

December 2015 to September 2018

Duties in post:

- initiate care proceedings, within a variety of complex cases.
- compile assessments for Child Protection conferences
- compile Looked After Children reports.
- support newly qualified social workers with care proceedings, Initial SWETS, Parenting Assessments, risk assessments, Section 7 and Section 37 reports.
- work within the Children Act and related local policies.

Senior Practitioner Field Work CP Team

Redcar and Cleveland Council

2010 to December 2015

Duties in post:

- manage complex child protection cases, through the child protection process.
- produce high quality assessments and evidence for the Courts.
- initiate care proceedings.
- carry out initial SWETS, Parenting Assessments, Special Guardian hip Reports and Final Evidence.
- chair initial child protection conferences, PLO meetings, panel discussions and hold strategy meetings when required.

- carry out section 47 reports, both as a single agency and s part of a joint enquiry. I
- manage cases from initial assessment through to permanence, outside the family home.
- work within the Children Act and related local policies.
- carry out ABE interviews in conjunction with the Police, in order to gain best evidence for the Courts, when a child has disclosed sexual / physical abuse.

Social Worker Youth Offending Service

Stockton Borough Council

2008 – 2010

Duties in post:

- prepare Pre-Sentence reports, with recommendations.
- Work with young offenders who were subject to court orders and custodial sentences.
- provide assessments to local housing providers to inform them of the needs of adults who had recently left prison.