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SUMMARY:

I qualified as a social worker in 2005 and as an Approved Mental Health Practitioner (AMHP) in 2007, specialising in mental health. I have experience in areas of capacity, safeguarding and working with children and their families in times of crisis. To support my practice, I have training and experience in the following areas; drug and alcohol misuse, sexual exploitation of minors, domestic violence, assessing mental health, the importance of race and culture in child placement decisions, child protection and decision making, as well as direct work with children and families. As a Family Court Advisor and Children's Guardian with Cafcass, I am involved in Private and Public Law proceedings, Parental Order Reporting and Step-parent Adoption assessments. I also complete Section 7 reports, Special Guardian Order assessments, PAMS, ParentAssess and parenting assessments, in order to assess and make recommendations regarding the appropriate residence of children and with whom it is in their best interest to have contact with. I now work as an Independent Social Worker producing reports for local authorities and the Courts. Assessing the best interests of children and the impact of mental health difficulties upon sufferers and their families is an integral part of my work.

EDUCATION:

- 2004 - Leicester City Council
NVQ 3 Working with children and young people
- 2005 - The Open University
DipSw, Dip He
- 2006 - Staffordshire County Council
Practice Educator
PQSW with a Mental Health Specialism

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FURTHER TRAINING:

Social Work theory, drug and alcohol misuse, sexual exploitation, domestic violence awareness, The Mental Health and Mental Capacity Act, Home Inventory training, Direct Work with Children, Cultural Awareness, Succinct and Analytical Report Writing, risk assessing, Making Good Decisions for Children, The Importance of Culture and Race in Placement Decisions, Child Protection and Decision Making, PAMS and ParentAssess assessments.

PRESENT POST:

Independent Social Worker acting as a Family Court Advisor and Children's Guardian with Cafcass. Completing reports for legal proceedings including; special guardianship orders, parenting assessments, PAMS assessments, viability assessments and connected persons assessments. Since working as an independent Social Worker, I have worked within the Chinese community with children and families, preparing assessments and reports.

PREVIOUS POSTS:

Family Court Advisor and Children's Guardian – Cafcass

October 2011 to present

Duties in post:

- working with children and families to analyse safeguarding information received from other agencies.
- provide analytical Section 7 reports for court.
- act as a Guardian in a number of protracted Private Law Cases.
- act as a Children's Guardian at the point the Court application is made.
- assess and report on the best interests of the child while taking in to account their needs and safety within their home environment.
- compile case analysis and court reports.
- remain engaged in all areas of safeguarding including domestic violence, factious illness and non-accidental injury.
- work with parents whom suffer with learning disabilities, drug and alcohol misuse and mental health difficulties.
- work within the Children Act and related local policies.

Social Worker Child Protection Team – Staffordshire County Council

May 2009 to October 2011

Duties in post:

- team Co-Ordinator, duty and referral front line worker.
- undertake Section 47 investigations.
- liaison with professionals such as police, in order to assess the risk of harm to children.
- completion of initial and core assessments, parenting assessments, child protection conference reports, Looked After Children review reports, court reports and statements.
- work with children from birth until the age of eighteen, all of whom experience a range of emotional and behavioural difficulties, have experienced sexual abuse, physical abuse, parental learning disability, parental mental health, domestic violence and neglect.
- supervise the Family Support Workers and student Social Workers.
- act as the MARAC co-ordinator for the team and chair Core Group and Strategy Meetings.
- work within The Children Act and related local policies.

Social Worker Adult Community Mental Health Team – Staffordshire County Council

August 2006 to May 2009

Duties in post:

- undertake initial and comprehensive assessments.
- supervise team support workers.
- formulate and review packages of care.
- attend ward reviews and contribute to discharge plans.
- assess risk to individuals, their children and families.
- lead in vulnerable adult investigations.
- work within local authority adult and child protection process.
- work and liaise with other professionals to ensure the safety of vulnerable adults and children.
- undertake social circumstances reports for First-tier Mental Health Review Tribunal and Manager Appeals.
- work as an Approved Mental Health Practitioner, undertaking Mental Health Act (1984) assessments with children, working age and older adults.
- work within the Children Act and related local policies.

Residential Social Worker – Leicester City Council

November 2001 to August 2005

Duties in post:

- working with young men aged between eight to eighteen who were looked after children.
- manage emotional and behavioural difficulties.
- liaise with external agencies to ensure young people's needs are met.
- prepare reports for Looked After Children Reviews.
- assist with education provision and care planning.

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- work as a keyworker for an allocated young person, attending planning and review meetings.
- work within The Children Act and related local policies.
- safeguard the wellbeing of young people.

Adult Community Mental Health Team – Staffordshire County Council

July 1989 to November 2001

Duties in post:

- work with vulnerable adults and their families.
- work with mental health practitioners and outside agencies.
- formulate and review packages of care.
- attend ward reviews and contribute to discharge plans.
- assess risk to individuals, their children and families.
- Attend and engage in vulnerable adult investigations.
- work within local authority adult and child protection process.
- work and liaise with other professionals to ensure the safety of vulnerable adults and children.
- undertake social circumstances reports for First-tier Mental Health Review Tribunal and Manager Appeals.