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SUMMARY:

I qualified as a social worker in 2005, working within local authorities' children and family teams. I developed a Primary Mental Health Service with joint participation between health and social care services and was instrumental in the set-up of a Leaving Care Team. Following consultation and development of a young person's forum, to ensure service user participation, I reviewed and re-designed the Learning Disabilities Team service provision, based upon Vanguard Systems, Thinking Principles and Theory.

I have experience in areas of assessing 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;

Form F Assessments, Special Guardian Order assessments, parenting assessments, kinship/connected persons and risk 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. To enhance my skills, I am currently training to use ParentAssess.

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

EDUCATION:

- 1st level Counselling 2002
- 2005 Diploma Social Work 2005
- Diploma in child psychology 2020
- advanced diploma in psychology 2021

FURTHER TRAINING:

- Redesigning Health and Social Care Systems, Vanguard Method 2016
- Mental Capacity Act
- Positive Behavioural Management
- Safeguarding Children;
- WARRN Risk Assessment Tool
- Suicide ASSIST
- Abuse of Vulnerable Adults level 2
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Creating an Aware Culture, Lucy Faithful foundation
- Leaving Care Rights and Responsibilities in Housing and Child Care Legislation
- Keeping the Baby in Mind, Infant Mental Health Level 2
- Assessing Attachment
- Child Protection
- Strengths Based Assessment
- National Student Assistance Program and Support Group Facilitator Training & Advanced
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- ParentAssess

PRESENT POST:

I am currently working as an Independent Social Worker, completing assessments and reports for local authorities and legal proceedings including; Special Guardianship Orders, Form F Assessments, parenting assessments, kinship/connected persons and risk assessments. I also carry out Independent case auditing for children's services, LADO, in the absence of a Principal Officer, MASH Audits, safeguarding audits for a community care team (Blaenau Gwent CBC). As well as undertaking Personalised Assessments, Mental Capacity Assessments and act as an Independent Reviewing Officer / Child Protection Chair / Safeguarding & Quality Control (Powys)

PREVIOUS POSTS:

<u>Social Worker Southampton Children's Services, project team</u> <u>August 17- September 19</u>

Duties in post:

- Auditing and evaluation of case delay, case management and decision making
- Establishing standards of care through safeguarding and governance

Social Worker Monmouthshire CBC

April 18- August 19

Duties in post:

- Provide analytical Court reports, parenting assessments, Section 7 reports, Adoption reports
- Kinship assessments, connected person's assessments
- Front line child protection
- Conflict resolution
- Guidance/ Mentoring newly qualified social workers
- Attendance at MARAC/MAPPA meetings
- Legal Planning
- Working with complex and difficult to engage families
- Work within the Children Act and related local policies

Social Work Team Lead, Learning Disabilities BGCBC

March 2015-August 2017

Duties in post:

- Social work lead in joint Health and Social Care Redesign of Service Provision and Operational Practice
- Work within The Children Act and related local policies
- Managerial oversight and decision making in respect of referrals, case allocation, colleague's
 workloads supervision of colleagues, fish bowls, mentoring, monitoring of sickness returns, liaison
 with HR re staff performance, concerns, appraisal, staff development/training
- Development of Improved interface between services i.e. children's services and parents with Learning Disability
- Management of adult protection cases, high risk cases and co-ordination of appropriate multiagency response

<u>Senior Social Work Practitioner/ Duty Senior Torfaen CBC</u> <u>February 2012 March 2015</u>

Duties in post:

- Working with children on the Child Protection Register, Looked After Children, Children in Need, young offenders within the legal system and in prison, liaison with youth offending teams as well as Probation
- Instigation and completion of Care proceedings, including attendance at Court and completion of Court directed interventions
- Completion of Section 47 (child protection) and Child in Need investigations and assessments
- Completion of Viability Assessments and Form F Assessments, presentation at panel to determine the employment of potential foster carers
- Chairing of meetings, Core Groups, senior representation at Child Protection Case Conferences

- Strategy discussions/meetings within the MAPPA/MARAC process, MARAC representative for local authority
- Liaison with statutory and non-statutory services to assist in the provision of service for clients
- Work within the Children Act and related local policies.