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**B S c ( H o n s )**

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## **SUMMARY:**

I hold BSc (Hons) in Social Work and Mental Health Nursing, qualifying in 2014. I have over 6 years' experience in frontline social work working in; Child Safeguarding Teams, Looked After Children and Children's Fostering and Carers Teams. I have also worked with children in care and children subject to Arrangement and Special Guardianship Orders. I have a wealth of experience of using various theories and frameworks, Children Act 1989, Children Act 2004, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010, Human Rights Act 1998, Mental Health Act 1989, The National Minimum Standards for Fostering, Fostering Service Regulations 2011, Framework for Assessment of Children in Need and Their Families, Adoption and Children Act 2002, Every Child Matters, to ensure my assessments are ethical, non-biased, robust, holistic and child centred.

Assessment and report writing are a major requirement of my social work experience and I am experienced and competent in completing; Initial Assessments, Single Assessments, Section 7, 17 and 37 Reports, Section 47 Enquiries, Parenting Assessments, ParentAssess, Parenting Assessments, Viability Assessments, Special Guardianship Orders, Form F and risk assessments. I am experienced in completing and presenting Section 7 and 37 reports in Court.

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

## **EDUCATION:**

- Practice Educator Stage one – University of Teesside – 2019.
- BSc (Hons) Social Work and Nursing (Mental Health) – University of Teesside – 2014.
- Extended Diploma Health and Social Care – Bede College – 2010.

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### **FURTHER TRAINING:**

- Court Skills and Excellence in Report Writing Cardiff University law School Bond Solon April 2015.
- Safeguarding Children University of Teesside July 2015.
- Workforce Development Age Assessing November 2015.
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOPS) September 2016.
- Workforce Development, Graded Care Profile February 2017.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) January 2020.
- ParentAssess training June 2021.

### **PRESENT POST:**

I currently work as an Independent Social Worker and undertake assessments on a self-employed basis. These include; Perspective Foster Carer(s) Reports (Form F) in accordance with BAAF Adoption & Fostering Guidelines, as well as connected carers assessments, ParentAssess, Section 17 support, Section 20 Accommodation, Parenting assessments, Section 47 Enquiries, Private Fostering, Viability assessments and Special Guardianship Orders.

### **PREVIOUS POSTS:**

#### **Social Worker Children's Safeguarding Team Stockton Borough Council**

##### **March 2020 to January 2021**

Duties in post:

- Working with children, young people and families who are in need of support, advice and guidance.
- Supporting families involved in the Child Protection, Child in Need and Court fields.
- Completing Single Assessments, PLO, Regulation 24, Section 20 Accommodation, Parenting Assessments, Section 47 Enquiries, Viability assessments and Special Guardianship Orders.
- Preparing and presenting Court reports.
- Providing Section 17 support.
- Presenting evidence at Child Protection Conferences.

#### **Sessional Social Work Children's Fostering and Caring Team Stockton Borough Council**

##### **July 2019 to January 2021**

Duties in post:

- Complete Perspective Foster Carer(s) Reports (Form F) in accordance with BAAF Adoption & Fostering Guidelines. Undertake checks and presenting the case at panel.
- Completing stage one checks, reference interviews, reference of children, home safety checks, school references, Ex-partner interviews, financial assessments.
- Supporting applicants through the process.
- Complete DBS checks.
- Form F report writing.

**Social Worker Permanence Looked After Children Team Stockton Borough Council**  
**January 2018 to March 2020**

Duties in post:

- Complete long-term Matching.
- Undertake Special Guardianship Orders.
- Undertake Human Rights Act Claims.
- Act as an Appropriate Adult.
- Undertake placement with parent assessments.
- Undertake care planning.
- Undertake Child In Our Care reviews.
- Multi-agency working.
- Undertake pathway planning.

**Social Worker Council Children's Safeguarding Team Stockton Borough Council**  
**June 2014 to December 2018**

Duties in post:

- Work with families, children and young people who required statutory safeguarding involvement from the Local Authority.
- Responsibility for the oversight of children throughout the Child In Need, Child Protection and Court Arenas.
- Undertake Single Assessments, Section 47 Enquiries, Section 7, 17 and 37 reports, Viability Assessments.
- Attend strategy meetings.
- Provide reports and oral evidence at Court.
- Complete Life Story Work.
- Complete Risk Assessments.
- Prepare Emergency Protection Orders.