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SUMMARY:

I qualified as a social worker in 2015, achieving an MSC in Social Work in 2016. I have practiced as a Senior Social Work Practitioner and have over 6 years experience in frontline social work working in; Child protection, Child in Need and Corporate Parenting Teams. I have a wealth of experience of using various theories and frameworks, including Strengthening Families and Signs of Safety, 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; Connected Persons assessments, Initial Assessments, Single Assessments, Core Assessments, Section 7 Reports, Parenting Assessment Manual Software (PAMS), ParentAssess, Parenting Assessments, Initial Viability Assessments, Assessment of Suitability with Parents and Risk assessments. I am experienced in completing and presenting Section 7 and 37 reports in Court. I also have experience of giving evidence in the Family Drug and Alcohol 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:

- Masters in Social Work (Distinction), University of Bedfordshire (2016)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work (Commendation) University of Bedfordshire (2015)
- Master of Drama and Theatre Studies, University of Kent (2011)

FURTHER TRAINING:

- An introduction to Trauma informed practice.
- Working with children and young people impacted by Child Sexual Exploitation.
- County Lines.
- Attachment Theory.
- Modern Slavery and the impact of Spirituality and Religion.
- Cultural competency.

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- Parenting Assessment Manual Software (PAMS).
- ParentAssess.

PRESENT POST:

Independent Social Worker completing assessments and reports for local authorities, private cases and legal proceedings including; Parenting Assessment Manual Software (PAMS), ParentAssess, Parenting Assessments, Initial Viability, Assessment of Suitability with Parents, Risk assessments.

PREVIOUS POSTS:

Independent Social Worker Waterlily and Co

April 2014 to current

Duties in post:

- Consultant Independent Social Worker.
- Completing Independent Social Work Assessments.
- Communication & engagement consultancy for local authorities.
- Workshop, training, development and facilitator.
- Customer relationship management.
- Service review reporting & analysis.

Clients include:

- University of Bedfordshire.
- London Metropolitan University
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Central Bedfordshire
- Milton Keynes council.

Senior Practitioner, Looked After Children's Team

March 2021 to Current

Duties in post:

- Experience in Care Coordination and Care Planning, Lac Reviews.
- Children and Family Assessments.
- Experience in Care Coordination and Care Planning.
- Lac Reviews, PEP meetings, Professionals, Meetings, Strategy meetings.
- Direct work children.
- Working with professionals to reunify a children's home.
- Court work including Revoking of Care Orders.
- Supporting SGO assessments.
- Matching long term placements.
- Managing a complex caseload.

Senior Social Work practitioner Luton Borough Council

November 2020 to March 2021

Duties in post:

- Support practice development of ASYE's through the Social Work Academy.
- Provide Reflective Supervision.
- Mentoring and accompanying NQSW's through challenging home visits and meetings in a variety of locations with parents/carers and vulnerable service users.
- Dealing with and supporting families in crisis.
- Observing NQSW practice and providing feedback.
- Working strictly to policy and procedures of the local authority.
- Taking positive, high-risk decisions.
- Making of and exercising a high level of judgment and personal responsibility for the safety of children.
- To oversee NQSW placements within their teams and ensure that they are supported to achieve their best practice.

Senior Social Worker Buckinghamshire County Council

Nov 2018 – October 2020

Duties in post:

- Complete Parenting Assessments
- Complete Initial Viability assessments
- Complete Children and Family Assessments.
- Experience in Care Coordination and Care Planning.
- Reporting at and participating in Looked after children Reviews.
- Reporting at and participating in PEP meetings.
- Direct work children.
- Working with professionals to reunify children home.
- Court Work including Revoking of care orders.
- Supporting SGO assessments.
- Matching long term placements.
- Managing a complex caseload of CSE and children with mental health problems who have been detained under The Mental Health Act 1983.

Social Worker – Family Support Team Milton Keynes Council

May 2015- Oct 2018

Duties in post:

- Child Protection (CP) and Child in Need (CIN) long-term care.
- Completing Parenting Assessments, private law Section 7 and 37 reports, FDAC Court work.
- Developing, delivering and managing CIN, CP plans with children and families.

- Direct work with children and families, including Child Sexual Exploitations and Youth Offenders, mentoring, life coaching, & personal development.
- Managing and assessing safeguarding risks to improving outcomes for children.
- Achieving Best Evidence-Trained
- Completing Parenting Assessment Manual System (PAMS) assessment.

Emergency Social Worker Out of Hours Team Milton Keynes Council

October 2016-2018

Duties in post:

- Managing child protection and safeguarding issues.
- Decision making and problem solving in emergency situations.
- Providing information, advice and guidance outside of normal office hours.
- Multi-Agency working with police, medical professionals, residential, care homes and foster carers.
- Achieving Best Evidence-Trained.

Student Social Worker Family Assessment and Support Team

August 2014 - February 2015

Duties in post:

- Direct work with children and families, including, mentoring.
- Completing Parenting Assessments, Protective Behaviour Work, Child Sexual Exploitation work.
- Preventing family breakdown through using the Signs Of Safety Model.
- Attending and contributing to Child Protection Conferences, Core groups.
- Attending and contributing to strategy meetings, multi-agency professional meetings.

Student Social Worker Early Intervention in Psychosis Team

Mar 2014 - Aug 2014

- Care co-ordinator for people aged 14-35 experiencing psychosis.
- Providing a wide range of psycho-social interventions and support to service users.
- Completing Initial Assessments, risk assessment and risk management.
- Care planning and safeguarding of vulnerable young people and adults.
- Running a confidence building group for adults with long-term mental health problems.
- Running a dramatherapy group allowing young people to explore their experiences with mental health.