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**C h a r l o t t e O p i e - G r e e r**

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**SUMMARY:**

I qualified as a social worker in 2013 and have worked in children and young peoples' services since this time. I have a wealth of experience in assessing and reporting on the needs of children, young people and their families, having worked in child protection, child in need, youth offending and looked after children teams. I have experience of completing Initial Child and Family Assessments, Parenting Assessment, Risk Assessment, Section 7 reports, Viability Assessments, as well as Child Protection and Child in Need reports and ParentAssess. I have experience of working with children and young people with a diagnosis of autism and learning disabilities. I also have experience of working with individuals receiving support with end-of-life care, domestic violence, homelessness and substance misuse. I have extensive professional experience in the role of primary assessor in Merton-compliant Age Assessments and have acted as an Appropriate Adult in accordance with Police & Criminal Evidence Act 1984. I currently work as an independent social worker completing assessments and reports for local authorities, solicitors and private court cases. The fields I specialise in are the best interests of children, children and family work as well as age assessing, deportation, Asylum and immigration.

**EDUCATION:**

Assessed Year in Practice

Coventry City Council  
2013

Graduate Certificate in Professional Practice (ASYE)

Bournemouth University  
2014

Social Work BA (Hons) 2:1

Birmingham University  
2013

**FURTHER TRAINING:**

Merton complaint Age Assessing

iCare Social Care  
Training, 2017 AND  
Refugee Council 2019

Parenting Assessments

iCare Social Care  
Training, 2017

Form F assessments

iCare Social Care  
Training, 2017

Direct work and therapy play with children

Theraplay UK 2016

Attachment and Child Development

Tavistock Centre 2017

Life story work

Coventry Council 2016

Child protection and safeguarding

Camden Borough  
Council 2017

Emotional resilience

YJB 2017

Child neglect

NSPCC 2017

Child sexual exploitation

Children's Society 2017

Section 47 assessment

Camden Borough  
Council 2017

Domestic abuse

Women's Aid 2016

Motivation interviewing

YJB 2017

Referral order training

YJB 2017

Safeguarding and autism awareness training

2018

Prevent

Dec 2020

Reflective Supervision

November 2020

Practice Educator training

September 2020

Modern Slavery Pathways

November 2020

National Referral Mechanism / Modern Day Slavery

March 2021

Motivational Interviewing

Feb 2021

Advanced awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation	Feb 2021
Advanced awareness of autism	Feb 2021
Advanced awareness of Safeguarding children	Feb 2021
Advanced awareness of Neglect	Feb 2021
ParentAssess	April 2021

### **PRESENT POST**

I am currently working as an independent social worker, completing Court reports and assessments (including Age Assessments) for solicitors, Local Authorities and social care agencies within the immigration and child care fields. I also work with The Inclusion Project, an education setting supporting children with autism.:

### **PREVIOUS POSTS:**

#### **December 2019-Present Social Worker Hertfordshire County Council, Specialist Adolescent Service**

##### **Duties in Post**

- Assessments of need for children, young people, parents and families, including assessing potential carers, parenting assessments, risk assessments.
- Managed a complex caseload of young people.
- Work with a number of agencies including the Police, Court, advocacy services and education.

#### **Sept 2016 – June 2017 Social Worker Camden Council, Youth Offending Team**

##### **Duties in Post**

- Assessments of need for children, young people, parents and families.
- Risk assessments, reviews, sentence reports, vulnerability assessments.
- Work with a number of agencies including the Police, Court, advocacy services and education.
- Represented the Youth Offending Service in Court and advised the Court on sentencing and progress on orders.
- Worked directly with young people both in the community and in custody to realise their potential and create a positive future.
- Work with children and young people diagnosed with Autism.

**Sept 2015 – Sept 2016 Social Worker Camden Council, Children’s Safeguarding and Social Work**

**Duties in Post**

- Conducted Initial Child and Family Assessments, Parenting Assessment, Risk Assessment, Section 7 reports, Viability Assessments.
- Completed Child Protection and Child in Need reports.
- Managed a varied and challenging case load of families with a variety of needs, including learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health issues.
- Work with children and young people diagnosed with Autism.

**Sept 2014–Sept 2015 Social Worker Coventry City Council, Safeguarding Neighbourhood Team**

**Duties in Post**

- Worked in partnership with families and other agencies on child in need and child protection plans in order to action and reduce presenting risks for children living with their families.
- Conducted child protection reviews and implemented ongoing monitoring of child protection plans.
- Worked closely with looked after children and their carers to ensure that their needs were met and the children achieved their highest potential.
- Case work pursuing plans of permanency for children via adoption, foster care, friends and family placements
- Conducted a range of assessments of varying complexity including initial and single assessments, core assessments and viability of carer assessments as directed by the Court within the course of care proceedings.
- Experience of a variety of Court work and proceedings, through section 7 reports and private law proceedings, initiation of care proceedings and completing assessments.

**Feb 2014 – Sept 2014 Step Up Plus, Looked After Child Support Worker**

**Duties in Post**

- Working with young people, undertaking planning and preparation for their admission to, or discharge from, residential care.
- Ensuring care plans were in place and developing, implementing and reviewing packages of care.
- Attending child care reviews and other forums.
- Compiling reports, including reviews, progress and incident reports.

**Oct 2013 – May 2014 Social Worker Adult Team Birmingham City Council**

**Duties in Post**

- Managing case load of families, providing need, risk and carers assessments.
- Completing initial assessments and implementing recommendations.
- Completing care plans and accessing direct payments/care packages.

### **Sept 2012 – Mar 2013 Social Worker The Sweet Project**

#### **Duties in Post**

- Maintaining a caseload of families, providing individual support and interventions.
- Undertaking direct work with children and their parents as well as developing and maintaining supportive and empowering relationships.
- Providing a mixture of targeted group work and courses for parents and carers including evidenced-based parenting programmes.
- Undertaking parenting and attachment assessments.
- Working in partnership with a variety of agencies both statutory and voluntary.
- Contributing towards looked after children reviews, child protection core groups and reviews as well as child in need plans.

### **May 2012 – Sept 2012 DENS Night Shelter Support Worker**

#### **Duties in Post**

- Assessing potential areas of need.
- Developing and reviewing support plans with young people.
- Providing assistance with managing finances, household skills, health and hygiene, social skills and parenting skills, with a view to enabling service users to acquire the necessary abilities to successfully live independently in the community.

### **May 2012 – Sept 2012 Patient Support Worker The Hospice of St Francis**

#### **Duties in Post**

- Providing holistic individualised care and support to children, young people and their families experiencing life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.
- Creating and providing opportunities for children and young people to experience play, social interaction and learning.