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D O N N A B A I L E Y M S c

SUMMARY:

I qualified as a social worker in 2020, specialising in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, working with children and their families in times of crisis, advising clients about available resources, assessing, planning, monitoring, supporting children and families, both in need and at risk. In addition, I have participated in case planning meetings, Looked After Children reviews and court meetings. I have experience of undertaking a variety of assessments in order to safeguard children and vulnerable adults including; Triple P and PAMS, Parenting Assessments, Video Intervention of Positive Parenting (VIPP), Parenting Capacity Assessments. I also have experience of giving evidence in court on parenting capacity assessed through undertaking PAMS, with learning disabled parents and their children.

I currently work as an Independent Social Worker producing reports for local authorities and the Courts and assessing the best interests of children, while using a number of the above-mentioned assessment tools.

EDUCATION:

- 2018-2020 Master's Degree Social Work, University of Coventry.
- 2000-2003 Bachelor of Arts with honours grade 2:1 in Housing with Social Work Studies, University of Central England.

FURTHER TRAINING:

- Reflective Parenting Course at Anna Freud National Centre for Children & Families.

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- Relationship and Sex Education (2010)
- Adam Project (2012)
- Domestic Violence Risk Identification Matrix (DVRIM) (2015)
- Sex Offenders Workshop (2016)
- Protective Parenting Group Workshop
- Alcohol and Hair Strand Testing (2015)
- Difficult, Dangerous and Evasive Service Users (2012).

PRESENT POST:

I currently work as an Independent Social Worker specialising in safeguarding, child engagement, inter-agency working, case analysis, planning and recording, safeguarding children and working with vulnerable adults and families. I have extensive experience of working with complex families where there are issues of safeguarding, risk and sexual abuse, domestic abuse, learning disabilities and mental health issues.

PREVIOUS POSTS:

Social Worker at Family Safeguarding Team Walsall City Council

November 2020- present

Duties in post:

- Working with children and families to analyse safeguarding information received
- Undertaking Children and Family Assessments
- Undertaking Pre-Birth Assessments with children and their families
- Giving evidence in court on parenting capacity
- Undertaking PAMS Assessment on learning disabled parents and their children
- Advising clients about available resources, assessing, planning and monitoring
- Examining forensically any external reports available and compiling reports for the court
- Working with a multidisciplinary team and participating in associated meetings
- Contacting clients and arranging appointments
- Carrying out and completing reports
- Observing, reviewing, assessment and supervising family meetings

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- Supporting children and families in need and at risk
- Participation in case planning meetings, looked after children reviews and court meetings
- work within the Children Act and related local policies
- Liaison with professionals such as police, in order to assess the risk of harm to children

Family Support Worker Coventry City Council

June 2009 to November 2020

Duties in post:

- working with children and families to analyse safeguarding information received
- Undertaking Parenting Capacity Assessments
- Giving Evidence in court on the Parenting Capacity Undertaking PAMS
- Forensically examining the external reports available and compiling a report for the courts
- Working with a multidisciplinary team and participating in associated meeting
- Contact clients and arranging appointments
- Carrying out and completing reviews
- Report Writing
- Observing, reviewing, assessment and supervising family meetings
- Supporting children and families in need and at risk
- Participation in case planning meetings, looked after children reviews and court meetings
- Work within the Children Act and related local policies
- Liaison with professionals such as police, in order to assess the risk of harm to children

Support Worker Moseley & District Churches

November 2008 to July 2009

Duties in post:

- Working in residential units for adults with learning disabilities and physical disabilities
- Working in children's homes for Birmingham City Council Contract
- Working as a project worker in outreach teams to provide support to service users with Mental Health difficulties maintaining their own tenancy agreements
- Dealing with a case load of mental health tenants ensuring they are getting the support they need and that their benefits are up to date and correct

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Tenancy support Officer Cannock Chase District Council

Feb 2007 to Nov 2008

Duties in post:

- Working with a 15-person caseload of vulnerable tenants who typically have little experience in independent living or display predisposition to failing as a tenant
- Supporting vulnerable tenants in maintaining/retaining their tenancy
- Assisting in developing tenants' independence and life skills
- Managing tenants budgeting, bill payments, debt management

Birmingham City Council Tenant Liaison Officer

January 2003 to February 2007

Duties in post:

- Dealing with disrepair claims under the Section 82, Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Collating data from all council departments
- Analysing information to formulate defence packages and reports
- Liaising with barristers and legal services to ensure cases have been settled to an amicable conclusion
- Assessing housing needs and finding suitable temporary accommodation for tenants of whom require major works
- Attending court to give evidence on specific cases
- Liaising with sub-contractors to ensure the energy supply is full working order

Wolverhampton Youth Offending Service Accommodations Officer

November 2002 to January 2003

Duties in post:

- Developing partnership work with local authority housing department
- Assessing the needs of young offenders leaving custody and securing appropriate accommodation upon release
- Designing operational plans, incorporating inter-agency referral protocols
- Strategic planning and researching information to help redesign a dwelling specifically for young offenders

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Optima Housing Association Maintenance Advisor

September 2001 to November 2002

Duties in post:

- Prioritizing repairs and collecting data from tenants to assess repairs
- Liaising with sub-contractors to ensure planned maintenance works were scheduled appropriately
- Assisting surveyors to carry out works on properties that had become empty
- Securing and inspecting abandoned properties to ensure that they were fit for let

Birmingham City Council Homeless Officer

2000 to September 2001

Duties in post:

- Assessing homeless applications within hostels
- Supporting vulnerable service users to obtain independent accommodation
- Giving advice on benefit entitlement
- Liaising with agencies to secure accommodation after departure from the hostel environment

Wyre Forest Community Housing Service Estate Officer

1991

Duties in post:

- Assisting in the property management of a housing estate of over 400 dwellings
- Dealing with anti-social behavioural complaints, rent arrears and rubbish
- Liaising with other agencies to ensure vulnerable tenants receive community care
- Attending Tenant Participation meetings and dealing with any queries that may arise
- Assess and inspect empty properties to ensure major works to make dwelling fit for let

Birmingham Social Services Department Senior Social Work Assistant

1995 to 1999

Duties in post:

- Working within the Children and Families Team to provide a professional social work service
- Meeting established legislative requirements
- Undertaking casework, chairing six monthly care review meetings

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- Writing factual reports and court statements
- Submission of applications for external funding agencies
- Assessing children leaving care for the aftercare services

Solihull NHS Residential Support Worker

1993 to 1995

Duties in post:

- Working with adults with severe learning disabilities in a residential unit
- Organising daily activities and encouraging all service users to have healthy eating options
- Empowering choice and versatility
- Monitoring the changing patterns of behaviour and implemented frameworks to deal with them