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SUMMARY:

I qualified with a Master's degree in Social Work in 2008. I have experience of completing Initial Child and Family Assessments, Parenting Assessment, Risk Assessment, Section 7 Reports, Viability Assessments, as well as Court Ordered Parenting Capacity Assessments for Sandwell Children's Trust, Form F, ParentAssess, Connected Person, Parenting Assessments, Special Guardianship Training, preparation for fostering, Child Protection and Child in Need Reports. I have a wide range of experience in working with refugees, the travelling community, unaccompanied, trafficked and Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC). I have also acted as assistant and principle social worker in Merton-compliant Age Assessments. I also have training and experience in safeguarding investigations, identifying gaps, drift and delay and what provision should have been identified and produce reports for Court and local authorities frequently.

EDUCATION:

Year	Level/Subject	Institution/Location
2021	ParentAssess	ParentAssess Ltd
2006 – 2008	Master of Arts Social Work	University of Birmingham Institute of Applied Sciences
2007 – 6 months	European Computer Driving Licence	University of Birmingham Institute of Applied Social Science

2005 – 2006	Diploma for Connexions Personal Advisers	University of Huddersfield Department of Youth and Community Development
1998 – 2000	Bachelor of Commerce (Honours). Economics with Education	University of Zimbabwe
1993 – 1994	Diploma in Education	University of Zimbabwe

FURTHER TRAINING:

- Child Protection Level 1
- Advanced Child Protection
- Court Skills
- Working with vulnerable groups (asylum seekers, gays and lesbians, gypsy and traveller families and ethnic minorities)
- Drug and alcohol abuse and its impact on parenting capacity
- Domestic violence and its impact on parenting capacity
- Solution Focused Therapy and motivational interviewing
- Assessment and recording skills
- Developing skills in analysis and risk assessment
- Planning for vulnerable children
- Supervision and enabling
- Form F, Family & Friends, Parenting Assessments, Special Guardianship Training
- Achieving Best Evidence Practice (ABE)
- Achieving Best Evidence Practice Awareness Course
- Understanding Stigma and direct work with vulnerable young people suffering with HIV/AIDS
- Court Ordered Parenting Capacity Assessments for Sandwell Children’s Trust

PRESENT POST

I currently work as an Independent Social Worker and regularly conduct assessments and prepare reports for Court, Local Authorities and Cafcass. I undertake assessments of risk and harm to children in private family proceedings, safeguarding incidents, identifying gaps, drift and delay and what provision should have been identified. The majority of these cases are related to domestic abuse and neglect and I assess the risk of harm to any children involved, providing assessments, reports and advice to local authorities and the Court in order to aid the decision-making process.

PREVIOUS POSTS:

January 2015 Senior Social Worker Walsall Social Services, Metropolitan Borough of Walsall

Duties in Post:

- Receiving and analysing referrals and sitting in strategy meetings with police, health, probation, education and other agencies to agree on risk levels and plan intervention techniques.
- Special Remit on Child Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking.
- Undertaking both joint and single agency child protection assessments and speaking to children and carers directly to inform assessments.
- Planning and undertaking Child Protection conferences and advising panel of risk levels and risk management plans.
- Referrals to other agencies such as Family Support Teams, Health and Schools.
- Chairing and updating core group meetings and plans.

June 2015 – December 2015

Senior Lecturer Birmingham City University

Duties in Post:

- Direct teaching to social work students.
- Providing tutorials and pastoral support.
- Working with partner agencies to support student placements and practice development.
- Providing written and verbal feedback to students after assessments.

June 2014 – May 2015

Senior Social Worker Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Team Birmingham City Council

Duties in Post:

- Receiving and analysing referrals and sitting in strategy meetings with police, health, probation, education and other agencies to agree on risk levels and plan intervention techniques.
- Undertaking background checks and updating records.
- Undertaking both joint and single agency s47 assessments and speaking to children and carers directly to inform assessments.
- Planning and undertaking Child Protection conferences and advising panel of risk levels and risk management plans.
- Referrals to other agencies such as Family Support Teams or Children and Families Teams.
- Chairing and updating core group meetings and plans.
- Progressing cases to Looked After Children plans and reviews, attending and presenting evidence in court.
- Acting as assessing social worker in Merton compliant Age Assessments.

December 2010 – June 2014

Senior Social Worker – Duty and Assessment Worcestershire Children’s Services

Duties in Post:

- Initial Assessment, Pre-Birth Assessments and core assessments.
- Chairing and managing S17 Child in Need Plans and Reviews.
- S47, Child Protection Investigations.
- Attending Child Protection Conferences, Reviews and Core Group Meetings.
- Carrying out Home Visits, Looked After Children Visits and Child Protection Visits.
- Completing Essential Information Plans 1 & 2 and Placements Plans.

- Drawing up comprehensive care plans and review of arrangements.
- Arranging, facilitating and supervising contacts.
- Section 7 and 37 Court Reports and attending Court.
- Private Fostering Assessments.
- Attending Placement Panels to Secure and Legal Planning meetings.
- Drawing up working agreements for families and implementing these.
- Supervision and supporting newly qualified social workers.
- Referrals to relevant agencies for identified work with families.
- Working together with families and professions for the best outcomes for children.
- Monitoring and reviewing families circumstances and needs.
- Capacity building of Child Protection Professionals.

July 2009 – December 2010

**Social Worker – Duty and Assessment: Children Young People and Families Directorate
Birmingham City Council**

Duties in Post:

- Initial Assessment.
- Chairing S17 Child in Need Plans and Reviews.
- S47 investigations.
- Joint visits with Police.
- Completing Core Assessment and Pre-Birth Assessments.
- Attending Child Protection conferences, reviews and Core Group Meetings.
- Carry out Home Visits, Looked After Children visits and Child Protection visits.
- Completing Essential Information Plans 1 & 2 and placements plans.
- Drawing up comprehensive care plans and review of arrangements.
- Arranging, facilitating and supervising contacts.
- Section 7 and 37 Court Reports and attending court.
- Private Fostering Assessments.

- Attending placement panels to secure funding.
- Drawing up working agreements for families.
- Contributing to duty work.
- Referrals to relevant agencies for identified work with families.
- Working together with families and professions for the best outcomes for children.
- Monitoring and reviewing families.

July 2008 – July 2009

**Social Worker – Family Assessment and Support Team; Children, Young People & Families
Staffordshire Council – Cannock**

Duties in Post:

- Child Protection enquiries jointly with Senior Practitioner.
- Carrying out home visits.
- Completing Initial Assessments, Pre-birth Assessments and Core Assessments.
- Initial Assessments and Merton compliant Age Assessments for Asylum Seeking Children.
- Identifying and making the relevant referrals.
- Child in Need planning and reviews.
- Family support plans and reviews.
- Contributing to duty work and visits.
- Placement of children and Looked After Children Reviews.