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**Summary:**

I qualified as a Social Worker in 2007 and continue to work in the children and families sector. I am a skilled and professional individual who has substantial experience in managing complex cases involving; undertaking Section 47 investigations/inquiries, Parenting Assessments, initial and complex core assessments, Kinship Care Assessments, reports and Court care plans, as well as Form F Assessments.

I have experience in assessing and working with children, young people and their families within different settings. My training and experience has enabled me to focus on assessing the risk, needs and best interest of children and young people; assessing their needs and best interests with regard to safety, risk, vulnerability and emotional wellbeing. I have also supported Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) and have experience of being the assessing social worker in Merton compliant age assessments. I have acted as an appropriate adult in accordance with Police & Criminal Evidence Act 1984. I currently complete assessments and reports for local authorities, solicitors and private court cases. The fields I specialise in are assessing the needs and best interests of children and young people, deportation, immigration, asylum seeking children, Individuals and families.

### **Education:**

2000 - **Bachelor of Arts Degree** University of Zimbabwe

2007-2009 - **Masters in Social Work** University of Portsmouth

2009 - **Newly Qualified Social Work Programme Certificate**

2011 - **Graduate Certificate in Consolidation and Preparation for Specialist Practice** University of Bournemouth

2016-2017 - **Best Interest Assessor Training** Manchester Metropolitan University

### **Present Post:**

I am currently working as an Independent Social Worker completing reports and assessments for legal proceedings through solicitors, local authorities and social care agencies within the immigration, child and family fields. I specialise in Child Protection and Care Proceedings, Looked After Children, Court work, working with unaccompanied young asylum seekers, adoption as well as Child in Need cases

### **Previous Posts:**

#### **January 2017- present Senior Social Worker Telford and Wrekin County Council Duty and Assessment Team**

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

- Undertaking Section 47 investigations/inquiries, Parenting Assessments, initial and complex core assessments, statutory visits, reviews and risk assessments.
- Convening Initial Child Protection Conferences.
- Preparing statements, reports and Court care plans.
- Completing Kinship Care Assessment, private fostering as well as Form F Assessments.
- Working within the Child at Risk of Sexual Exploitation Framework as well as conducting relevant risk assessments.
- Working directly with children, young people and their families providing assessments, counselling and therapy.

- Participating and providing evidence to network meetings, Court, strategy meetings and case conferences.

#### **November 2015 - December 2016 Social Worker Hampshire County Council Referral and Assessment**

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

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- Undertaking Section 47 investigations/inquiries, initial, complex core and Parenting Assessments.
- Convening Initial Child Protection Conferences.
- Preparing statements, reports, Court care plans and any other documents depending on the nature of the case.
- Completing Kinship Care Assessment and private fostering paperwork as well as relevant Form F Assessments.
- Working within the Child at Risk of Sexual Exploitation Framework as well as completing relevant risk assessments and participating in relevant strategic meetings.
- Direct work with children for assessments, counselling and therapy.
- Undertaking statutory visits and recording statutory reviews.
- Conducting face-to-face interviews with children, young people and their families.
- Participate in network meetings, Court, strategy meetings and case conferences.

#### **October 2015 – November 2015 Social Worker Stoke on Trent City Council Children in Care Team**

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

- Report writing for Court as well giving evidence.
- Undertaking and report writing for statutory LAC visits.
- Attending PEP meetings, completing pathway plans.
- Working within the Child at Risk of Sexual Exploitation Framework as well as completing relevant risk assessments and participating at relevant strategic meetings.
- Undertaking Section 47 investigations/inquiries.

- Managing cases on the Child Protection Register including preparing reports and having lead responsibility for core group meetings and implementation of child protection plans.
- Preparing statements and Court care plans and other documents depending on the nature of the case.
- Undertaking both initial, complex core and Parenting Assessments.
- Convening core group meetings, Child In Need meetings and Strategy Meetings.
- Compiling and presenting court statements both for Care Proceedings and public law.
- Completing Kinship care assessments and Private fostering paperwork as well as relevant Form F Assessments.
- Direct work with children and young people for assessments, counselling and therapy.
- Undertaking statutory visits and recording statutory Reviews.
- Carrying out risk assessments.
- Conducting face-to-face interviews with children, young people and their families.
- Refer and liaise with specialist service providers during care proceedings.
- Participate in network, strategy meetings and case conferences.
- Undertake relevant court assessments including Viability Assessments.
- Work with care leavers and completing relevant plans including Pathway Plans.

**December 2014 - July 2015 Social Worker Walsall Children Services Initial Response Services Referral and Assessment Team**

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**Duties in Post:**

- Undertake Section 47 investigations/inquiries, convening Initial Child Protection Conferences.
- Preparing statements, Court care plans and any documents depending on the nature of the case.
- Undertaking Parenting Assessments, initial and complex core assessments.
- Completing Kinship Care Assessment and private fostering paperwork as well as relevant Form F Assessments.

- Working within the Child at Risk of Sexual Exploitation Framework as well as completing relevant risk assessment tools and participating at relevant strategic meetings.
- Direct work with children and for assessments, counselling and therapy.
- Undertaking statutory visits, recording statutory reviews and risk assessments.
- Conducting face-to-face interviews with children and families.
- Participated in network meetings, strategy meetings and case conferences.

**September 2014 – December 2014 Social Worker Walsall Children Services Walsall Safeguarding Team, Essington Lodge**

**Duties in Post:**

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- Undertaking Section 47 investigations/inquiries, risk assessments and Parenting Assessments.
- Managing cases on the Child Protection Register including preparing reports and having lead responsibility for core group meetings and implementation of child protection plans.
- Preparing statements and court care plans and other documents depending on the nature of the case.
- Undertaking both initial and complex core assessments.
- Convening core group meetings, Child In Need meetings and Strategy Meetings.
- Compiling and presenting Court statements both for Care Proceedings and public law.
- Completing Kinship Care Assessment and private fostering paperwork as well as relevant Form F Assessments.
- Direct work with children for assessments, counselling and therapy.
- Undertaking statutory visits and recording statutory reviews.
- Organising contact for children and their families.
- Conducting face-to-face interviews with children and families.
- Participated in network meetings, strategy meetings and case conferences.
- Undertaking relevant Court assessments including viability assessments.

- Working with care leavers and completing relevant plans including Pathway Plans.

**April 2013 – 30th June 2014**

**Walsall Children Services Social Worker Initial Response Services, Referral and Assessment Team**

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**Duties in Post:**

- Undertaking Section 47 investigations/inquiries.
- Convening Initial Child Protection Conferences.
- Preparing statements and Court care plans and other documents depending on the nature of the case.
- Undertaking parenting, risk, initial and complex core assessments.
- Completing Kinship Care Assessment and private fostering paperwork as well as relevant Form F Assessments.
- Direct work with children for assessments, counselling and therapy.
- Undertaking statutory visits and recording statutory reviews.
- Organising contact for children and their families.
- Conducting face-to-face interviews with children and families.
- Refer and liaise with specialist service providers during care proceedings.
- Participate in network meetings, strategy meetings and case conferences.

**January 2013 - March 2013 Social Worker Wokingham Borough County Council Brambles Neighbourhood Team, Children Services Department**

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**Duties in Post:**

- Undertaking Section 47 investigations/inquiries.
- Managing cases on the Child Protection Register including preparing reports and having lead responsibility for core group meetings and implementation of child protection plans.

- Preparing statements and Court care plans and other documents depending on the nature of the case.
- Undertaking Parenting Assessments, initial and complex core assessments.
- Convening core group meetings, Child In Need and Strategy Meetings.
- Compiling and presenting court statements both for Care Proceedings and public law.
- Completing Kinship Care Assessment and private fostering paperwork as well as relevant Form F Assessments.
- Direct work with children for assessments, counselling and therapy.
- Undertaking statutory visits and recording statutory reviews.
- Organising contact for children and their families.
- Providing or purchasing appropriate services
- Conducting face-to-face interviews with children and their families.
- Referring and liaising with specialist service providers during care proceedings.
- Participate in network meetings, strategy meetings and case conferences.
- Undertake relevant court assessments including viability assessments.
- Work with care leavers and completing relevant plans including Pathway Plans.

**October 2011 - September 2012 Social Worker Wokingham Borough County Council Brambles**

**Neighbourhood Team, Children Services Department**

**Duties in Post:**

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- Undertake Section 47 investigations/inquiries.
- Manage cases on the Child Protection Register including preparing reports and having lead responsibility for core group meetings and implementation of child protection plans.
- Preparing statements and Court care plans and other documents depending on the nature of the case.
- Undertaking Parenting Assessments, both initial and complex core assessments.

- Convening core group meetings, Child In Need meetings and Strategy Meetings.
- Compiling and presenting court statements both for Care Proceedings and public law.
- Completing Kinship Care Assessment and private fostering paperwork as well as relevant Form F Assessments.
- Direct work with children for assessments, counselling and therapy.
- Undertaking statutory visits and recording statutory reviews.
- Organising contact for children and their families.
- Conducting face-to-face interviews with children and their families.
- Refer to and liaise with specialist service providers during care proceedings.
- Participate in network meetings, strategy meetings and case conferences.
- Undertake relevant court assessments including viability assessments.
- Work with care leavers and completing relevant plans including Pathway Plans.

**June 2009 - October 2011 Social Worker Hampshire Children Services Department Hart and Rushmoor**

**Children in Need Team**

**Duties in Post:**

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- Undertake Section 47 investigations and inquiries, Parenting Assessments, risk assessments, initial, and complex core assessments.
  - Convening core group meetings, Child In Need meetings and Strategy Meetings.
  - Compile and presenting Court reports both for Care Proceedings and public law.
  - Completing Kinship Care Assessment and private fostering paperwork as well as relevant Form F Assessments.



- Direct work with children for assessments, counselling and therapy.
- Undertaking statutory visits and recording statutory reviews.
- Organising contact for children and their families.
- Conducting face-to-face interviews with children and their families.
- Participated in network meetings, strategy meetings ad case conferences.
- Managing cases on the Child Protection Register including preparing reports and having lead responsibility for core group meetings and implementation of child protection plans.
- Preparing statements and Court care plans and other documents depending on the nature of the case.
- Undertake relevant court assessments including Viability Assessments.
- Work with unaccompanied children and young people seeking asylum and undertaking relevant age assessments where necessary.