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SUMMARY:

I qualified as a social worker in 2015, specialising in safeguarding children, working with children and their families in times of crisis, undertaking child protection duties and achieving permanency for children. I have extensive experience of working with complex families where there are issues of substance misuse, disguised compliance, domestic abuse, disability and mental health. To support my practice I have training and experience in the following areas; Community based parenting and PAMS assessments, kinship/connected person assessments, sibling assessments and Special Guardianship assessments, Form F assessments and PARS, Child Protection S47 investigations, Initial and Core assessments, S17 assessments, Care Proceedings work which also includes S7 and S37 reports. I have experience of undertaking a variety of risk assessments around contact and adults who may pose a risk to children. As well as specialising in domestic violence work with victims and perpetrators, sexual exploration, safeguarding awareness and honour-based violence. I have worked with families from many different ethnic minority backgrounds as well as parents with disabilities, I have good understanding of the Punjabi language (able to speak fluently) and am currently learning Arabic.

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

EDUCATION:

- 2013-2015 Msc Social Work, University of Bedfordshire
- 2006-2009 BA Applied Social Studies, University of Bedfordshire.

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FURTHER TRAINING:

- Community based parenting and PAMS assessments.
- Kinship/connected person assessments, sibling assessments and Special Guardianship assessments.
- Form F assessments and PARS.
- Expert in safeguarding, child engagement, inter-agency working, case analysis, planning and recording.
- Working with families from ethnic minority backgrounds including parents with disabilities.
- Child Protection S47 investigations, Initial and Core Assessments, S17 assessments
- Care Proceedings work which also includes S7 & S37 reports.
- Domestic violence working with victims and perpetrators.
- Sexual exploration, safeguarding awareness and honour-based violence.
- Radicalisation and Neglect.
- Signs of Safety.
- Motivational Interviewing.
- Form F.
- Achieving Best Evidence.
- Protective Behaviour level 1.
- Aims 2 (assessing risk in young people who display harmful sexualised behaviour).

PRESENT POST:

I have been and Independent Social Worker since 2017 specialising in safeguarding, child engagement, inter-agency working, case analysis, planning and recording, safeguarding children, undertaking child protection duties and achieving permanency for children. I have extensive experience of working with complex families where there are issues of substance misuse, disguised compliance, domestic abuse, learning disabilities mental health issues.

PREVIOUS POSTS:

Duty & Assessment social worker at Northamptonshire Council

April 2020- January 2021

Duties in post:

- working with children and families to analyse safeguarding information received.
- provide analytical Section 47 and 17 enquiries.
- completing Viability and parenting assessments.
- working with families on child protection plans including pre-birth.
- assess and report on the best interests of the child while taking in to account their needs and safety within their home environment.
- compile case analysis and court reports.
- 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.

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Fostering panel member (Milton Keynes)

January 2019 to current

Duties in post:

- demonstrate an excellent understanding of fostering work within The Children Act and related local policies.
- recognise the importance of permanence issues and safeguarding children and young people.
- hear cases and make recommendations about the continued approval of foster carers.
- Hear new foster care applications and long-term fostering matches for looked after children.

Social Worker Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Facilitator at the Change Project Chelmsford

May 2019 to current

Duties in post:

- work with perpetrators, vulnerable adults and children.
- assess risk to individuals, their children and families.
- work within local authority adult and child protection process.
- work and liaise with other professionals to ensure the safety of vulnerable adults and children.
- work within the Children Act and related local policies.
- providing emotional support to victims of domestic abuse and signposting them to relevant services within their area.

Social Worker (Court Team) Central Bedfordshire

January 2018 to May 2018

Duties in post:

- under take pre-proceeding work and Court work including assessments and reports.
- completing viability, Kinship, Special Guardianship and community-based parenting assessments.
- experience of working with highly vulnerable children and families.
- complete direct work with children and specialist assessments with parents.
- review looked after child placements and support plans for looked after children to return to their parents' care.
- work within The Children Act and related local policies.
- safeguard the wellbeing of young people.

Social worker (Family Safeguarding Team) Hertfordshire County Council

April 2015 to March 2017

Duties in post:

- undertake work with families on Child In Need Plans and Child Protection Plans.
- undertake direct work with children to ascertain wishes and feelings.
- assess parenting capacity using motivational interviewing techniques.
- undertake pre-proceedings work with families and completing care proceedings work.
- prepare court reports.

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- undertake a variety of assessments such as, pre-birth, risk assessments, viability, connective persons, SGO.
- Completing parenting assessments.
- contact with birth families to name some tasks.
- prepare CPR'S, Annex A and B's presenting to ADM and Matching Panels.
- work within local authority adult and child protection process.
- work within The Children Act and related local policies.