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A Chartered and HPC Registered Educational Psychologist with twenty nine years expertise.

An Expert Witness with 4 years of experience.

Companies worked for include: Graysons, Sheffield; Howells, Sheffield; Malcolm C. Foy, Doncaster; The Wells Partnership, Bolton; Harrison Bunday, Leeds; Maxwell Gillott, London; Lewis & Co, Oldham; Ayers Waters, Stockport; Hartley Thomas & Wright, Rochdale, Patchell Davies, Newport, Gwent, East Sussex County Council Children's Services Department.

Professional Experience

Educational Psychologist since 1984.

As of September 2010 I have been employed for eighteen years as an Educational Psychologist in a number of Local Education authorities. I continue to work part-time for a Local Authority, assessing a full range of children's special educational needs including:

- General learning difficulties,
- Behavioural and emotional difficulties,
- Attachment disorders,
- Autistic spectrum conditions & Asperger's Syndrome,
- Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI),
- Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD),
- Executive functioning difficulties including Working Memory issues,
- Language & Communication difficulties,
- Attention Deficit [Hyperactivity] Disorder (ADD/ADHD),
- Neuropsychological and psychosocial aspects of children's difficulties,
- Sequelae of Acquired and Traumatic Brain Injury (ABI & TBI).

I have prepared numerous reports for Special Educational Needs (SEN) procedures, Education Tribunals, public and private Family Law cases, and for other agencies. Also, I have been employed to assess Polish clients' cognitive abilities in criminal cases, and family issues such as attachment in Polish for the purpose of both Criminal and Family Courts.

I have also been involved in the preparation of reports for the High Court (Queen's Bench Division) on issues affecting children in extradition proceedings under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

I frequently attend a variety of multiagency meetings and reviews in Education, Social Services, and Health Authority settings, including Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings.

Over the years I have advised many parents, professionals, and carers with regard to educational, developmental, cognitive and special needs issues, both individually, and through parent groups and In-Service Training. This has been at various levels, up to and including training for Community Paediatricians and solicitors, which has been accepted as constituting post-qualification CPD work by their professional bodies.

I have also been involved in organizing support following a critical incident in a school and community resulting from the murder by arson of a pupil by his sibling.

Teacher (psychology, child development, aspects of social care)

As a teacher, I had six years experience in curricular organization and teaching at tertiary and secondary level, including GCSE, A-level, and vocational classes, and teaching of mature students in evening classes. I was also involved in assisting in the organization and teaching of the Lancashire CSS course for residential social care personnel.

Director

From 1992 until 1998 I was the owner and manager of a Registered Care Home for young adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions, challenging behaviour, and global learning and associated difficulties.

Charity

I was the prime mover in organising a small charity (Heartfelt) with the aim of providing aid for children and families, under fire if necessary, and of running aid convoys to Bosnia (1993-4). Unsurprisingly, given the conditions in Bosnia at the time, I gained experience of providing said aid whilst actively under fire.

Scientific Advisor

I also had three years experience in advising (as a Scientific Advisor to West Yorkshire Fire and Emergency Planning Department) on psychological responses of people to disasters, and of working on preparation of solutions to scenarios ranging from major chemical disasters to responses to nuclear fallout within both the Yorkshire and Humberside area, and within the UK generally.

Court Experience

I gained a deal of experience as a Court Officer working for the West Yorkshire Probation and After-Care Service, including the provision of Social Enquiry Reports.

I have been called to give evidence about issues regarding children's at SEN Tribunals both for the Local Authority, and for parents.

I have also been involved in Court proceedings regarding children's non-attendance at school.

I have also had experience of giving evidence in court in Family Law cases, both in Care cases, and in private custody cases.

Availability

The North West and North East, Midlands, East Anglia, and South East of England. *Please enquire about availability for other areas.*

Typical timelines are six weeks from receiving instructions to completion of a report. *Please enquire about shorter time scales.*

Qualifications/Skills/Professional status

B.Sc. (Special Hons) Psychology, London University – 1973

Post Graduate Certificate of Education, University of Leeds – 1975

M. Litt. Educational Psychology, University of Aberdeen – 1982

Chartered Psychologist, British Psychological Society (BPS) – 1989

Associate Fellow, BPS – 1987

I am fluent in Polish (both spoken and written), and have a good understanding of Polish culture past and present.

Membership of Professional Bodies

Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society

Member of the Association of Educational Psychologists

Registered with the Health Care Professionals Council as a Practitioner Psychologist (*Reg. No. PYL06676*)