

# Vicki Hamilton

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## Summary Curriculum Vitae



### Profile

I am an experienced Chartered Psychologist and HCPC Registered Clinical Psychologist, having qualified in 1993. I have extensive experience in all child and adolescent mental health issues with particular emphasis on Family Dynamics, Parenting, Attachment and Trauma.

With 14 years working as a qualified Clinical Psychologist within the NHS, I have, since 2006, provided over 350 child and family psychological assessments for use in private and public Family Law proceedings and have given oral evidence in Court on over 40 occasions.

I became an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society in 2014.

I specialise in highly complex cases involving individuals, families and large sibling groups e.g. cases with multiple issues, concurrent sets of proceedings, domestic abuse, complex clinical presentations and complicated family dynamics including, but not limited to, cases involving complex developmental trauma, fabricated and induced illness, parental alienation, traumatic death or murder of a family member, child sexual exploitation and gang membership.

I also provide psychological assessments of children and parents following adoptive placement breakdown, as well as post-proceedings assessments to advise Local Authorities regarding changes in Care Planning arrangements.

I offer case specific consultation to Local Authorities regarding Looked After Children (and sibling groups) with highly complex emotional, psychological and attachment needs.

I mentor and supervise other Clinical Psychologists.

## Employment

**2006 to date:** Independent Clinical Psychologist specialising in work with children and families.

**2000 to 2006:** Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Head of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Trust.

Within my NHS roles I was also:

- a member of the Area Child Protection Committee, Bolton (1995 - 2005), and
- designated lead professional Child Protection and Safeguarding, Bolton CAMHS.

**1995 to 2000:** Clinical Psychologist, Children in Need under the Children Act, Bolton Community Healthcare NHS Trust.

**1993 to 1995:** Clinical Psychologist, Child and Adult Psychology, Bolton NHS Trust.

## Qualifications

Master of Science in Clinical Psychology - *University of Hull* - 1993

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Psychology with Clinical Psychology- *University of Hull* - 1991

## Further Training

Foundation and Intermediate Level Systemic Practice and Family Therapy - *The Family Institute, Cardiff*

Adult Attachment Interview – 1995/1996 (*accredited*)

Parent Child Game

In My Shoes – 2006/2007 (*Registered and accredited*)

Manchester Child Attachment Story Task

Level 1 EMDR training – 2014

## Training Delivered

In My Shoes – International Conference “Exploring the Perspectives of Children and Young people”. (2019)

Public Law Conference – Liverpool Law Society “Sexual Exploitation” (2017)

“The Impact of Domestic Violence upon Young Children” - Stephenson's Domestic Abuse Conference (Manchester 2014)

“Gangs, Sexual Violence and Young People” – Child Concern (2014)

“The Role of Child Clinical Psychology in Family Law” – Young Resolution (2012)

“Attachment and Brain Function” - 1 day workshop, University of Manchester (2005)

“Attachment” - 1 day workshop, North West Clinical Psychology post qualification training course (2004, 2002)

“Child Behaviour Problems” - 1 day lecture and workshop, Bolton GP training rotation (2002)

“Attachment, Trauma and Neuropsychology” - Workshop, North West Child Clinical Psychology Special Interest Group (2000)

“Attachment and Child Behaviour” - Workshop to foster carers (1999)

“Behaviour Management” - 1 week course to School Nurses, Blackburn (1998)

“Attachment and Parenting” - 3 day course for Social Workers, Guardians and Foster carers 1995.

## Memberships and Affiliations

Associate Fellow and Full Member of the British Psychological Society – Division of Clinical Psychology.

Registered Practitioner Psychologist (Clinical) – Health Professions Council (Reg. no. PYL06089)

Child Concern

CORAM/BAAF

Patron of Bolton Lads and Girls Club

