

Brief Curriculum Vitae

Profile

An experienced Child Clinical Psychologist having qualified in 1993, I have extensive experience in all child and adolescent mental health issues with particular emphasis on Parenting, Attachment and Trauma.

Employment

2007 to date: Independent Clinical Psychologist specialising in work with children, adolescents and families.

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

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

1993 -1995: Clinical Psychologist, Child and Adult Psychology, Bolton Community Healthcare 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

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

Expertise and Experience

Since 2007 I have provided numerous child and family psychological assessments for use in private and public Family Law proceedings and have experience of giving evidence in Court.

I have also provided psychological assessments of children following adoptive placement breakdown and have provided case specific consultation to local authorities regarding looked after children (and sibling groups) with highly complex emotional and attachment needs.

I also act as a mentor and provide supervision to other clinical psychologists engaged in family law work.

As well as experience in the assessment, treatment and management of psychological difficulties in childhood and adolescence, I have developed expertise in the assessment of attachment in both children and parents.

Since 1995 I have also specialised in work regarding the assessment and treatment of trauma in children, as well as assessment, management, care, treatment and placement planning of looked after children. I also have extensive experience of working with adopted children and their parents.

I have expertise in the assessment of parenting and parenting interventions, including the specialist and intensive Parent Child Game Treatment and Family Therapy. I have extensive experience of intervening in cases of placement breakdown and working with parents to enable rehabilitation of children home.

Other relevant experience includes training in the use of the In My Shoes computer assisted interview and appointment to the pool of national trainers that teaches the use of this computer assisted interview with children and vulnerable adults.

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.

Training Delivered

“In My Shoes” computer assisted interview - National trainer.

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 (delivered with Helen Carlton Smith and Julie Leather, 1995).

Memberships

Full Member British Psychological Society – Division of Clinical Psychology.

Registered Practitioner Psychologist (Clinical) – Health Professions Council

Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Child Concern

British Association of Adoption and Fostering



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