

## Sarah Pressley, Social Worker

Sarah Pressley is a qualified Social Worker with over 15 years experience in the area of Children and Families. She is an experienced practitioner and manager within statutory social work including all aspects of child protection, children looked after, children in need, adoption and disability.

Sarah is a fully registered practitioner with the General Social Care Council (Registration number 1067926). She holds the MA Diploma in Social Work, BA Honours in Social Science, the PQ1 Child Care Award and the NEB Management Award.

During her career Sarah has gained extensive experience of undertaking a wide range of Assessment work including the analysis of parenting capacity, assessing parents who have substance abuse problems, mental health issues and where domestic violence is an issue; she has experience of working with children and young people who have suffered physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect, undertaking assessments of risk, and also has experience of undertaking viability, kinship and Special Guardianship Order assessments.

Within her current role as an Independent Social Worker Sarah has undertaken Form F assessments for potential foster carers and Independent Complaints Investigations for a number of Local Authorities.

Sarah is able to plan and deliver case work effectively and efficiently, prioritising work to ensure timely assessments and service provision. Throughout her career Sarah has specialised in the area of children and families. Subsequently she has extensive knowledge of the law and legislative requirements within this area of work. Additionally, she has been the allocated case worker and manager for a variety of complex care proceeding cases and has extensive court skills experience.

More recently Sarah has been the Team Manager for an Inner City Statutory Disabled Children's Team with responsibility for the management of a team of qualified and unqualified social care staff delivering a range of services to meet the needs of and safeguard vulnerable disabled children, young people and their families.



This Team Manager role has involved the allocation and management of case work, supervision and performance management, chairing strategy and child in needs meetings, and pivotal quality assurance role in ensuring that the assessments of children and young people with a range of complex health needs and disabilities are completed on a needs led basis and in line with statutory guidance, policy and procedure.

Sarah has experience of working across a wide range of partner agencies in ensuring the best outcomes for children and is particularly keen to ensure that assessment work, and the implementation of service provision is undertaken on a multi-agency basis to ensure that the child's needs are met holistically.



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