

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education: Certificate in Qualification in Social Work 1984
Post Graduate Diploma Child Protection Studies 1994
Advanced Award in Social Work 1997

Employment: **Tameside Social Services – 19984/87**
Generic Duty & Assessment Social Worker
Including Youth & Adolescent, Children & Families,
Elderly & Adult Services, Mental Health &
Learning Disability

Tameside Social Services – 1987/1995
Child Care Social Worker, Children & Families Team
All aspects of child care including –
Assessment
Care Planning
Managing Risk – Protection Plans
Adoption/Permanency

Tameside Social Services – 1995/1999
Emergency Duty Team
Providing emergency social work intervention for
all service users.

Oldham Social Services – 1999/2000
Conference & Review Officer

- Charing Multi Agency Case Conferences

- Statutory Child Care Reviews
- Providing training for Departmental & Inter-Agency Staff on all aspects of Child Protection.

Oldham Social Services 2000/2006 – Team Manager
Managing a staff team of 15 in all areas of Child Care Social Work.

- Allocation of work
- Staff Supervision
- Developing Policies & Procedures
- Ensuring Departmental standards are met
- Contribution to overall Departmental service delivery and individual Team Plans
- Service Development
- Promote individual skill development

Profile

I have specialised in Child Care Social Work for the majority of my 24 year social work career. I have extensive experience of preparing and presenting reports and giving evidence in the Magistrates, County and High Courts. Between 1995 and 1997, while employed as an Emergency Duty Team Worker, I also worked independently, preparing assessments and reports for various local authorities.

I have extensive experience of chairing Multi-Agency Child Protection Conferences and presenting Multi-Agency Training on all aspects of Child Protection. I have chaired Secure Reviews as an Independent Person.

For six years I managed a Team of Social Workers, Social Work Assistants and Deputy Team Manager on an extremely busy Child Care Team, covering all aspects of Child Care Post Initial Assessment, through a period of change and uncertainty.

I promoted the continued development of the Team and ensured that quality standards of practice have been maintained.

Since February 2006, I have worked as an Independent Social Worker via my company Andrew Beckwith Independent Ltd. During this period I worked for Stockport MBC part time as a team manager on the Referral and Initial Assessment Team and Blackburn with Darwen where my role involves the Chairing of Children in Need reviews, sexual exploitation strategy meetings and serious case reviews.

In addition, I have undertaken a number of Independent Assessments on behalf of Manchester and Salford City Councils and Suffolk and Conwy County Councils as well as being instructed individually by either the court or one or more respective parties involved in care proceedings.

I currently sit as Vice Panel Chair of one Independent Fostering Agency, and independently review foster carers for another.

I keep up to date with social work practice attending regular training courses. Most recently I attended a course facilitated by Dr Sue McGaw on the Parent Assessment Model which she developed. This is a specialist model primarily used for assessing parents with Learning Difficulties. I am a member of both BASW and BAPSCAN and regularly attend Child Concern seminars.

I also provide assessments as a certificate provider under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 as a registered social worker.

I receive independent supervision from a social work manager who has 25 years social work experience and sits as an assessor for social work qualifications at a local university.

Andrew Beckwith
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