



CURRICULUM VITAE

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Profile:

Hannah is an experienced Social Worker with 13 years post qualifying experience. Hannah's career has centred around work with Children and Families, specifically Child Protection and work within Public Law Outline. Hannah has accrued work experience within a range of statutory teams. Hannah has undertaken much direct work with children and families during her work experience as a Social Worker; demonstrating the ability to build strong, positive, and professional relationships with children.

Hannah has experience of working with and managing complex cases, including, parents with significant mental health issues, parents with serious substance misuse issues, domestic abuse within families, children who have been subject to chronic, long-term neglect and children who have sustained significant non-accidental injuries. Hannah is well able to utilise

different tools and methods when working with children and can adapt her approach according to the individual needs of any one child - or any given family member.

Since qualifying, owing to the variety of statutory roles undertaken by Hannah, she is competent to complete a range of assessments including Child and Family Assessments, Risk Assessments, CSE Assessments, Parenting Assessments, Kinship Care Assessments, and other statutory documentation including reports and evidence to be presented in Court. Hannah has excellent communication skills; she is always clear and concise in respect of the information to be relayed. Hannah always works pro-actively with families and professionals alike. Hannah completes thorough and analytical assessments; and is well able to work to an established timescale.

Social Work Career:

Hannah qualified with an MSc Social Work from Royal Holloway University in 2010. Hannah has worked in both Adults and Children's teams during her career. Hannah regularly completes work in an Emergency Duty Team demonstrating robust assessment skills in challenging and high risk situations. Hannah operates within a multi-agency environment, sitting alongside mental health professionals. Additionally, Hannah is required to liaise closely with agencies such as Police, CAMHS, Mindworks, medical professionals, housing, probation and drug and alcohol services - sharing and gathering information. Hannah has chaired out of hours Strategy Discussions and completed Child Protection Investigations within this post.

Hannah has undertaken work as a Social Work Advisor for Guildford Family Centre - this role was specific to Surrey County Council's Early Help offer. Hannah's work with Guildford Family Centre involved supervising staff (Family Support Workers) and having overview of families within the Early Help arena. Hannah has been the lead for Group Supervision within the Centre and has undertaken a qualification in Leadership. Hannah contributed to policy and procedural development within the organisation and promoted multi-agency working by continually fostering relationships with partner agencies.

Hannah has worked with and supported children and families subject to Child Protection Plans and also those party to Care Proceedings. This involved undertaking pieces of direct work, risk assessments and parenting assessments. During this period, Hannah worked primarily

with complex cases, including parents with learning difficulties, parents with substance and alcohol misuse issues, families whereby domestic abuse was a prevalent issue, children and parents with mental health issues, complex cases of long-term neglect and children who have experienced serious non-accidental injuries. Hannah was required to work closely and liaise with a range of other professionals, chair multi-agency meetings and give verbal evidence in Court. It was also necessary for Hannah to contribute towards LAC reviews and identify children at risk of CSE. Hannah also has experience of undertaking ABE interviews. Hannah's ability to complete assessments within timescale was consistently effective.

Hannah has developed extensive experience of undertaking differing assessment work, including parenting assessments of both resident and non-resident parents, compiling statements/evidence for the Local Authority, Section 7 reports, Section 37 reports and SGO assessments. Hannah is also trained in the use of Parenting Assessment Manual (PAMs) and ParentAssess. Hannah has extensive experience in providing oral evidence during the proceedings process, she is able to provide analytical and clear answers which reflect how situations and experiences impact on the child. Hannah can, concisely and in a balanced and considered way, effectively relay her view within the Court arena.

As an Independent Social Worker Hannah demonstrates an excellent understanding of the individual needs of the child. Hannah is also able to work effectively and collaboratively with parents and assess their needs in a thorough and concise way. Hannah will always focus on the needs of the child; evidencing this through all assessments undertaken. Hannah produces detailed, analytical assessments; and furthermore, recommends plans of support. Hannah is able to deliver the support as an additional service if required.

Qualifications:

1995 - 1999 GCSE's (Ranging B – A*), Howard of Effingham School

1999 – 2001 A-Levels (Ranging C - B), Howard of Effingham Sixth Form Centre

2002 – 2006 BSc Psychology (2:1), Surrey University

2008 – 2010 MSc Social Work (Pass), Royal Holloway University

2012 Achieving Best Evidence Interviewing (ABE), Surrey County Council and Surrey Police

2018 Parenting Assessment Manual (PAMs)

2023 Level 5 Certificate in Leadership and Management – Working with Children, Individuals and Families

Training:

Hannah has completed a range of additional training courses to enhance and strengthen her practice. These include:

- Mental Health in relation to children and adults
 - Risk Assessments
 - Child Development
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Child and Adult Attachment theory
 - Child Abuse understanding, assessments and supporting families
 - Understanding Public Law Outline
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Employment History:

August 2023 – present Independent Social Worker

June 2019 – present Senior Social Worker within Surrey County Council's Emergency Duty Team.

September 2020 – October 2023 Social Work Advisor within Surrey County Council's Early Help offer, specifically based in Guildford Family Centre.

September 2014 - September 2012 Social Worker, within a number of teams including CP, Court and CIN Surrey County Council.

September 2006 – July 2010 Community Support Worker, Transition Team, Surrey County Council.

September 2008 – June 2010 Student Social Worker. Hannah undertook placements in Surrey County Council's Southeast area Looked After Children's Team and within an Adult Substance Misuse team (voluntary sector).