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Curriculum Vitae

Qualifications

RGN (Registered General Nurse).

RSCN (Registered Sick Children's Nurse).

Diploma Paediatric Oncology Nursing.

Leeds Social Care: Level 4 Certificate in Management.

Level 3 Certificate in Counselling.

Foundation Degree in Counselling. MBACP.

Membership

I am a registered member of the BACP (British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists)

I am a member of BABICM (British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers)

Nursing Experience

I started my nursing career in 1992. I have experience of caring for children from birth to 16 years with general medical and renal conditions. Further nursing experience includes working at the Regional Paediatric Oncology Unit at Leeds Teaching Hospital. I cared for children from birth to 13 years of age. I worked within the Teenage Cancer Unit caring for young people 13 to 24 years of age with oncological and haematological conditions. I have worked at Martin House Children's Hospice providing care for children from birth to 24 years with life limiting conditions. Care involved working alongside families as they received respite within the hospice setting or the family home and supporting the child and family up to and following a child's death. My nursing career involved working as a Macmillan Paediatric Oncology Liaison Sister providing nursing care to children and young people in the community setting across Yorkshire and Humberside and working with a large range of professionals.

Social Care Experience

In 2000 I worked for Leeds Social Care as a team manager. I set up and managed the Keyworker Team. The service worked with a multi-agency focus establishing, managing and co-ordinating complex packages of care for children with complex health needs and disabilities. I worked across health, social care, education and voluntary sectors establishing holistic care and robust care systems for children and their families based on individual needs. My role involved chairing complex multi- agency meetings, promoting the service to stakeholders across agency boundaries, managing staff and maintaining target and performance indicators. Later I worked in Social Care as a Development Officer for the Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children's Social Work Team, identifying gaps in service provision and in meeting the needs of young people.

Therapeutic Counselling Experience

In 2013 I qualified as a Therapeutic Counsellor. My experience has been in private practice counselling adults, children and young people. I have worked as a school therapist in the Horsforth area of Leeds working across 7 primary schools, a high school and sixth form. I received referrals for children and young people 5 years to 18 years with mental health issues. Issues ranged from anxiety, bereavement, abuse, self- harm, suicidal thoughts etc. I worked providing 1:1 therapeutic support. The role also involved liaison with a wider multi agency focus across health, education, social care and Camhs.

Case Management

Since joining CCMS as a Case Manager I have built positive relationships with colleagues within CCMS and colleagues within wider professional teams to enable holistic and robust systems of care for children and their families based on their individual needs. I hold a predominantly children and young people's case load. I have established good therapeutic relationships with my clients and their families, and I am supporting them to identify appropriate packages of care to meet their individual needs. I work with clients who have acquired their injuries through serious injury or medical negligence. I hold a mix of litigation and settled cases both on a single and joint instruction. I am delighted to be working within this role. I am passionate about working with children and families and in achieving the best possible outcomes.