

# **KEITH WILLSHER**

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

MSc. Educational Psychology. Tavistock and Portman Trust NHS Clinic. 2005-06

BA. Hons Psychology: (2:1) Open University. 2002-04

B.Soc.sci. Joint Hons Economics & Political Science (2:1) Birmingham University. 1988 – 1991

### **Professional Qualifications and Memberships**

PGDip. Psychoanalytic Observational Studies (M7 course code). University of East London 2010 – 2012

Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society AFBPsS, 2011

Chartered Educational Psychologist British Psychological Society CPsychol, 2010

Practising Associate of the Academy of Experts

### **Personal Profile**

I am an Educational & Child Psychologist in practice since 2006. I relocated to London March 2013 and work independently. Until August 2018 I also worked part-time as a Senior Educational & Child Psychologist for Reading Borough Council. Since 2013 I have worked for the London Borough of Southwark, Camden and for Hinwick Hall adult specialist college in Wellingborough as a full-time Educational Psychologist. As part of my services I offer group and individual therapeutic interventions such as Play Therapy, Reality therapy Compassion Focused Therapy.

I also undertake expert witness predominantly in civil liability assessments.

Previously I have worked as a Human Resources consultant as a ‘Transformation and Capability Specialist’. I have seven years’ experience as a secondary school teacher and in pastoral leadership. This followed one-year voluntary teaching in Zambia.

I possess the skills to assess and understand the needs and developmental stages of children, young people and adults. With a wide knowledge and experience of applying psychological theories I relate how these benefit and impact upon the long-term outcomes of young people.

I have a proven ability to write clear and concise reports on a range of complex issues. I have organised and led on a multi-agency project for complex case supervision with Social Workers from the Looked After Children’s Team.

### **Further training:**

Reality Therapy Intensive week (Pass) William Glasser Institute, July 2004

Human Resource Management. Advanced Diploma Professional Development (Distinction) with C.I.P.D 2000-01

Psychometric Occupational Testing Levels A & B. (Pass) 'Psytech International Limited' April 2002

P.G.C.E (Mathematics) University of Birmingham 1992 – 1994

### **Educational and Child and Psychology**

Positions held:

Senior Leadership Team as Senior Educational Psychologist team leader for Buckinghamshire Council, High Wycombe locality

Senior Educational & Child Psychologist (0.5 part-time), Reading Borough Council.

P/t Educational & Child Psychologist for Southwark L.A.

Contracted to London Borough of Camden May 2015 to July 2015 & January 2016 to March 2016

P/t College Educational Psychologist, Hinwick Hall Adult College

Educational & Child Psychologist, West Midlands

Expert witness assessment and report writing for court evidence since 2013

Child & Educational Psychology Skills profile:

- Expert witness complex assessments and report writing with respect to compensation for civil damages.
- Lead professional providing supervision for Social Workers in Looked After Children Team in Reading Borough Council (RBC)
- Member of Local Authority 'Complex Case Discussion' panel RBC
- Line manager and supervisor for Educational Psychologists RBC
- Wide range of educational psychology assessments and interventions for young people with social, emotional needs and learning disabilities.
- Demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills and the ability to relate to a wide range of people using tact, diplomacy, and integrity.
- Analyse, interpret and evaluate sometimes complex policies and legislation, taking into account individual and institutional needs.