

Some services we provide

We have been providing Expert Witness assessments and reports for over 30 years. We carry out assessments and report for Court, parents, schools, Health and Social Care. We work in a range of settings which can vary from the individual's home to schools, clinics or neutral environments. Where necessary, we can appear and give oral evidence in Court or before a panel to explain and support our assessments and reports.

During the course we have reported on:

- The effects of developmental, intellectual and mental health needs on individuals, their families and their relationships
- The training needs of volunteers and professionals working for, and with, families
- Strategies to advise, develop and support families facing difficult situations
- The development of emotional understanding and relationship skills
- Appropriate Adjustments for a variety of psychological and social needs.
- The identification of and provision needed to meet Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
- The appropriateness of Fostering and Adoptive care placements, residence, contact and Special Guardianship applications

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Medico-Legal Assessment & Reporting

Employment Matters
Personal Injury
Criminal Justice
Child & Family
Special Educational Needs (SEND)
Integrated Assessment (Assessment and reporting by a team of practitioners)

Individual Assessment & Reporting:

Children and young people
Adult learners FE & HE
Adults who have Learning Disabilities
Special Educational Needs (SEND)
Adults in Employment
Family and Parenting Issues
Matrix Assessment (Lower cost, group based, multi-professional assessment sessions)

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Child & Family Issues

We are experienced in preparing high quality reports for the Family Courts in matters relating to parenting contact issues, residence and placement of children.

We always act independently, taking instruction from solicitors and authorities while listening to all participants and reporting on their roles, skills and contribution to the family including:

- The psychological needs of children and young people involved in family disputes
- Parents' understanding of Social Care and other assessment processes
- Parents' understanding of their children's needs and how they can meet them
- Identifying Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) needs and provision
- Developing relationships between families and the professionals who support them
- Functional skills and development issues for the family and their community
- Risk assessments for children and families, especially in Safeguarding matters
- Parents' ability to provide a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment for their children
- Foster and Adoptive placement assessment and post placement support
- Contact, Residence and Special Guardianship issues

Assessment

Our work in Family Court proceedings can involve:

- Assessing the psychological and educational needs of children and adults involved in family proceedings
- Diagnostic assessments for individual disabilities and difficulties including Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Attention Difficulties, Specific Learning/ Processing Difficulties, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia etc
- Identifying issues about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and offering advice on how these might best be met
- Assessing parents' awareness and understanding, of children's capacities, developmental, educational, social and psychological needs
- Assessing understanding of the Court and Social Care processes and likely outcomes
- Observation and assessment of individuals and groups in a variety of settings and activities
- A range of risk assessments
- In-depth assessment of skills, functioning, needs and relationships to support decisions on Residence and Contact Orders

We are flexible in our approach and carry out assessments at places and times convenient and appropriate for each participant in the family.

Outcomes

We provide a psychological service which is integrated, focussed and supportive. To do this we use a multi-disciplinary process of consultation which starts with an initial assessment and usually results in our report suggesting a course of action. This can lead to recommendations to Court about a programme of intervention. To maximise the benefits of this approach we are prepared to:

- Assess children's strengths and support needs
- Make recommendations about Residence and Contact Orders
- Give advice and training for professionals, carers and others who deal with children, young people and families
- Offer advice on Appropriate Adjustments for disabled children and parents
- Facilitate discussions with parents and family, teachers, Social Workers, carers and others to jointly find the best practical ways of helping children and young people including those with additional support needs
- Provide training for professionals, volunteers and groups, parents and carers
- Support schools, parents and others working with, and for, children
- Deliver, arrange or monitor recommended treatments and interventions