



CARTER BROWN

Dr Michael H.

Chartered & HCPC Registered Psychologist. C.Psychol, AFBPsS.

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION AND EXPERTISE

Professional Qualification

Chartered Educational & Child Psychologist

Areas of expertise

- Assessment of children and young people and their families, including: **full psychological and cognitive assessment of children and young people** and **cognitive and personality assessments of adults**
- Assessment of children and young people in preparation for parental requests to local authorities (LAs) for **statutory assessments and/or for Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunals (SENDIST)**
- Assessment of **attachment relationships** including: the welfare of, and impact on, the child and young person in **parenting breakdown**; problems associated with **parental contact** and **foster care**; and the **assessment of risk** in cases where parents are having emotional difficulties in parenting their children and the **parent-child relationship** is starting to break down
- Assessment of the **impact of all forms of child abuse** on the child and young person and their families
- Assessment of the **impact of parenting and school contexts on educational performance.**
- Assessment of children and young people with developmental disorders such as: Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD)¹, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)², Aspergers Syndrome³, Social and Emotional Problems, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, Learning Disabilities, Speech and Language Difficulties, and children with acquired brain injury

¹ Only in conjunction with other professionals such as: clinical psychologists, paediatricians, psychiatrists and speech and language therapists. However I am able to assess the likelihood/probability of a child or young person receiving an ASD diagnosis.

² Only in conjunction with other professionals such as: clinical psychologists, paediatricians, and psychiatrists. However I am able to assess the likelihood/probability of a child or young person receiving an ADHD diagnosis.

³ See 1 above.

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- All aspects of **Special Educational Needs** work, including reports for, and attendance at Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunals
- Delivery of therapeutic interventions such as **cognitive behaviour therapy; solution focused brief therapy; personal construct psychotherapy; narrative therapy; appreciative enquiry**; and **motivational interviewing**

RELEVANT EXPERTISE

I have over 30 years' experience as a Psychologist, latterly as Principal Educational Psychologist in a local authority Children's Services Department. I have also taught in schools and pupil referral units whose intake often included children with attachment disorders, social, emotional and behavioural disorders and children on the child protection register. I have expertise in all aspects of child development: cognitive, linguistic, sensory, physical, social, behavioural and emotional and I am able to identify children and young people whose development is either delayed or disordered and to consider why this might be and advise about needs. I have experience of working in multi-disciplinary teams and in multi-professional working groups, especially with regard to the mental health needs of children and young people in schools: I had in lead role in a Targeted Mental Health Services (TAMHS) project in schools in the last local authority where I worked. Whilst the focus of my work is invariably the child or young person, I have undertaken cognitive and personality assessments of adults and assessments of adults in their roles as parents/carers. I have facilitated a fathers group of children with special educational needs for 13 years. I chair a voluntary sector nursery admissions panel and I am a governor, with specialist responsibility for an additionally resourced autistic provision and 'safeguarding', at a local authority secondary school. I continue to practice as a Psychologist and work in a private capacity in four different local authority primary schools and in a secondary school; and, a special school for children with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

REPORTS

I have prepared in excess of 75 reports for the criminal and family courts, as well as for solicitors and Special Educational Needs & Disability Tribunals (SENDIST) since 2010.

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QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING & RESEARCH

PhD., MSc., BA.(Hons)., Cert Ed.

Recent CPD training attended:

- Anxiety, Autism and Attachment, BPS Study Day, Oxford
- Assessing Adults in Family Law Proceedings, Carter Brown Associates
- Attachment in Practice (ACHiPPP CPD Event)

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- Autistic Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) training at the Tavistock Clinic
- Bond Solon Witness Familiarisation and Civil Practice Procedures Courses
- Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) Training at the Oxford Cognitive Therapy Centre
- Family Ties: understanding domestic violence, honour and parenting, Carter Brown Associates
- Local Authority (Brent and Haringey) Safeguarding Training
- Medical and Sociological Perspectives on Child Abuse and Neglect, Carter Brown Associates
- Motivational Interviewing for children and young pupil with addictions and who have suffered and/or engage in abusive behaviour. Majella Greene Associates
- Person-Centred-Planning using PATHS and MAPS to help marginalised people (e.g. those with challenging behaviour) become included in society and to enable people to develop a shared vision for the future. Inclusive Solutions
- Strategies of Grief Therapy, University of Hertfordshire
- The Psychological Expert in Criminal Cases, Carter Brown Associates
- The Shape of Things to Come: The SEN Changes, presented by Melinda Nettleton & John Friel of Hardwick Chambers
- Understanding the 'self' (Personal Construct Psychology), University of Hertfordshire

I have also attended (as well as presented seminars) at the annual conferences of the AEP and DECP for the past 30 years and regularly delivering training for Educational Psychologists, Trainee Educational Psychologists as well as staff in schools on a range of topics that covers child development, special educational needs and school-based interventions.

MEMBERSHIPS

- British Psychological Society, Division of Educational and Child Psychologists (DECP)
- Association of Child Psychologists in Private Practice (AChiPPP)
- Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP)
- Expert Witness Institute (EWI)
- Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) Registered

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- I have full enhanced DBS clearance
- I hold personal professional indemnity insurance