

ASD Reference Group Template – Database of Skills and Experience

Health and Social Care Integration Directorate
Adult Care and Support Division



We would like to develop a repository of skills / experience which ASD Reference Group members have, in order to ensure that these are adequately covered within the Group to finalise and take forward the Recommendations of the Autism Strategy. Please could you complete and return the short template below:

Linda Connelly

1. Academic background / Training

MA English Literature and Language

CQSW/ Dip Social work

Accredited Assessor – European Framework for Quality Management

2. Work Experience

Social worker -6 years holding generic and children and families cases in 2 area teams

Senior social worker for 8 years managing teams holding children and family cases and young offenders. ; a team holding criminal justices cases; a team holding community care cases.

Area manager (3 years) and area services manager(6 years) managing the social work service for an area. This covered all the cases for children and families, community care, criminal justice community work and planning. I was responsible for both social work teams and for the work of joint teams consisting of the health staff and social care staff. I was also responsible for managing other services in the area such as day services, befriending services, a community addiction rehabilitation service, and a sheltered employment service. I was responsible for local planning work with other agencies and some of the equality planning for the authority. I was responsible for the area's HR and budget management.

I have been an inspector for 5 years with a remit of local authority social work inspections.

3. Strengths

Broad range of experience of delivery social work services in all sectors. I have a good understanding of social; work practice, commissioning, partnership working and multi-agency practice.

I have inspected services for 5 years and have an understanding of the delivery of social work services nationally.

I am also a board member for an FE college and have developed my understanding of governance in other sector

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4. Skills

Social work Practice

EFQM assessor

Partnership working

Leadership and Management skills