

Curriculum Vitae

Pete Barr

Personal Details

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Registration A HCPC registered social worker (Reg no SW20771). Current registration to December 2018.

Self Employment

Oct '08 – Present Current and recent work includes independent assessments in public and private law cases, independent assessments to assist case planning for CiC, Form F assessments for independent fostering agencies, research / evaluation of a placement stability pilot project for Cornwall CC, SGO assessments, acting as independent social worker for children placed in Cornwall by other authorities and delivery of multi agency and single agency training. I provide therapeutic work to children who have experienced abuse in many forms. I often work alongside a clinical psychologist (Dr Anna Gough) to provide Courts with combined social work and psychological assessments. I also undertake occasional work for CAFCASS as a Children's Guardian.

Particular areas of knowledge and expertise include:

- What has to change for seriously injured small children to be safely reunified with birth families (often referred to as the "Resolutions" approach).
- The effects of serious parental substance misuse.
- The effects on children of living with domestic abuse.

Employment

April '08 – Oct '08 Project Manager (CAMHS Design)
To undertake a detailed analysis of the resources within Cornwall's Services for Children, Young People & Families which currently deliver a child and adolescent mental health service (CAMHS) and produce a strategic framework for the ongoing development and commissioning of a comprehensive CAMHS for Cornwall.

Employment (cont)

Feb '05 – April '08

Team Manager – SMART

SMART is a multi agency team focussing on improving behaviour, attendance and attainment in the 26 schools in the Camborne, Pool, Redruth area under the auspices of the DfES' Behaviour Improvement Programme.

This has involved the entire range of project management including: contributing to target setting, recruitment and selection, team development, negotiation with schools and numerous statutory and voluntary partners, day to day operational management of team members from health, social care and police, ensuring rigorous evaluation, data collection and analysis and ensuring a continual focus on providing additionality and new and innovative interventions. My leadership of this venture has been recognised by the DfES consultant and by the Price Waterhouse Cooper Account Manager monitoring on behalf of DfES as producing by far the most advanced team under phase 4 of the BIP. One of the outcomes has been a number of invitations to present at conferences around the country – on two occasions with young people who have been on the receiving end of our services.

July '94 – Feb'05

Team Manager – NSPCC Cornwall

There were three phases to this post:

Set up and management of Cornwall's Guardian ad Litem Service. This was the first time in the UK that a GaL service had been delivered by a voluntary organisation on behalf of the LA. Post involved managing the inevitable tensions between an independent group of social workers and the local authority to produce productive outcomes for children, negotiation between LA, NSPCC, DoH and the courts, data collection and analysis, production of annual reports for DoH etc

Set up and management of joint project with Cornwall Community Drugs Team. This was a project involving the coming together of adult centred and child centred services and of staff with both health and social care backgrounds. The focus was families where parents had a serious substance misuse problem that impacted on their ability to meet their children's needs.

Management of NSPCC Hayle Family Support Project. This was an already established project where there had been allegations of intimidation leading to the departure of the previous manager. The role therefore focussed on providing leadership and support to staff affected whilst at the same time ensuring high quality service delivery and further development of already diverse services.

Nov '91 – July '94

Senior Practitioner, Child Protection – Cornwall CC

Involved management of child protection work in Kerrier, supervision of CP social workers, preparation and participation in public law civil proceedings, direct work in complex cases, attendance and advice at CP conferences. During this period I developed a particular interest in working with families with seriously injured small children. Working alongside the then CCC Social Work Consultant (Child Protection) I worked with a number of families where young children had received multiple fractures at different times. The focus was on what needed to change within the family to ensure safe reunification of the child. I

worked with a number of families and in each case safe reunification was effected without ever knowing exactly how and by whom the injuries were caused. At the request of Cornwall SSD I continued this work during my subsequent employment with the NSPCC working alongside a CCC social worker. This work has also been a major feature of my independent practice.

- Nov '87 – Nov '91 Deputy Family Centre Manager – Cornwall CC (included secondment as Senior Practitioner CP to Penzance SSD Jan '90 – Dec '90)
Initially set up a non residential group care provision for families in Redruth area. This provided early intervention and prevention as well as post crisis assessment in public law cases. Staff had social care and education backgrounds. Subsequently moved to a residential family centre which I ran for significant periods due to sickness of manager. Focus of work was assessment and support of families where children were subject of public law proceedings.
- Sept '82 – Nov '87 Residential Social Worker – LB Hillingdon
Work in a Community Home with Education. Client group consisted of young people in care who could not manage foster care, usual residential provision or mainstream education. Many came from custodial sentences and all had lived with unresolved psychic trauma resulting from abuse as young children. RSW role involved the provision of a caring, therapeutic environment, acting as keyworker to a number of young people, ensuring that the practical and emotional needs of the individuals were met and liaising with other professionals with responsibility for individual young people. During this time I also brought my own interest in outdoor pursuits to the work and qualified as a climbing instructor.
- Jan '81 – Sept'82 Self employed Tree Surgeon
- Dec '79 – Jan '81 Tree Surgeon – Hertfordshire CC
- July '74 – Dec '79 During this period I had a variety of temporary jobs that funded travel.

Education

Primary: Various primary schools around England. Passed 11+ exam 1967.

Secondary: Shebbear College
Shebbear
N Devon
Sept 1967 – June 1974

Exam results: 7 "O" levels
3 "A" levels

Higher Education: Bulmershe College of Higher Education
Woodland Avenue
Earley
READING RG6 1HY

Sept 1985 – June 1987

Exam results

College Diploma in Applied Social Science – Pass

Certificate of Qualification in Social Work – Pass

Higher Education: Goldsmiths College, University of London
New Cross
LONDON SE14 6AF
Jan 1991 – Dec 1991

Exam results

Post Graduate Diploma in Advanced Social Work (Children & Families)

Social Work Practice Pass

Case Study Pass

Project Pass

Law Pass

OVERALL Pass