



Sarah Harrison  
Senior Case Manager  
Children & Young People's Services

## Curriculum Vitae

### QUALIFICATIONS

Post Grad. Certificate Social Sciences	July 2006
Diploma Social Work	June 2002
BA(Hons) Food & Accommodation Management	June 1992

### EMPLOYMENT RECORD – PAID

November 2005 to date.

JS Parker Limited – Senior Case Manager

Supervising Case Managers and holding my own case load of clients who have an acquired brain injury.

July 2003 to November 2005

JS Parker Limited- Case Manager

Working as a Case Manager working with clients with an acquired brain injury and clients with spinal injury.

June 2002 to July 2003.

Northumberland Care Trust - Social Worker . Care Manager

Working with people over 65 with disabilities. Held a case load of approx 40 clients.

My role involved assessment, care planning, arranging permanent placements to care homes and the monitoring and review of existing plans.

September 2000 to December 2001.

Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust – General Office Manager

Responsible for the running of a busy office within Newcastle General Hospital.

June 2001 to June 2002.

Newcastle City Council Social Services – Home Care Worker (Bank Work)

Working within the Hospital Discharge Team, carrying out home care visits, providing personal care and meals mainly to older people.

November 1999 to June 2002.

Newcastle Primary Care Trust – Rapid Response (Bank Work)

Grade B nursing duties, supporting people to remain in their home and prevent admission to hospital. Working closely with District Nurse team.

January 1999 to September 2000.

Newcastle City Health NHS Trust – Policy Assistant

The purpose of the post was to promote and support partnership working between the health services and the local authority. Work was based around current Government initiatives. I conducted a piece of research around Mental Health Promotion and Stigma within Newcastle City Council for the Community and Housing Select Committee.

August 1992 to January 1999.

Newcastle City Health NHS Trust – Assistant Catering Manager

Responsible for the day to day running of the services aspect of the peripheral units of Newcastle City Health Trust. Managed 48 services staff.

## **EMPLOYMENT RECORD – UNPAID**

January 2002 – May 2002

Headstart Newcastle

Diploma Social Work Stage Two, 80 day placement. Headstart was a voluntary organisation, which offered a comprehensive service to people who are suffering from the effects of traumatic brain injury. I managed a small caseload, which involved undertaking assessments of need and risk, planning interventions and carrying out reviews. I was involved in and ran groupwork. I represented the agency to outside bodies. I planned the agency's involvement in National Brain Injury Awareness Week.

January 2000 – June 2000

Newcastle Social Services - Gofton Walk Group Home

Diploma Social Work Stage One, 50 day placement. Work involved extensive networking to develop an understanding of Children's Services in Newcastle. Working on a day to day level as part of the team caring for eight children. Acting as primary worker for one child which entailed one to one intervention, liaising with his parents, social worker and school and attending review meetings. Undergoing ongoing assessment to demonstrate my ability to meet competencies. I reached Stage Two level competencies in most areas.

August 1995 – August 2001

North Tyneside Advocacy Project

After initial training, I became an advocate for a man with learning disabilities who lives in a supported home in the community. My role involved visiting him regularly and having a social relationship. I have attended meetings and reviews, representing his opinions on issues. This work has included work in areas such as risk assessment and future housing provision. I believe by having an advocate, he was able to have his opinions heard on these issues and care plans were altered to accommodate them.

August 1998 – November 1999

Newcastle Fostering and Adoption Unit

I have undergone two training sessions with this department, which was in line with foster carer training and numerous support sessions. The aim of this scheme was to match volunteers with looked after children, to act as their advocates. Funding was withdrawn from this pilot scheme.

January 1998 – April 1998

Pendower Hall School

Working with disabled children in the residential section of Pendower Hall. This included going on visits and interacting with the children. This role gave me an understanding of the needs of children with disabilities.

### **PROFESSIONAL BODY MEMBERSHIP**

I am an Advanced member of the British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers and a member of the British Association of Social Workers and the Brain Injury Social Work Group.