

Corporate Parenting Select Committee

Michael Wall, Senior Practitioner, Kent County Council

Biography

I am Michael Wall, a Senior Practitioner (social worker).

I have worked for Kent County Council's Children's Services since 1996, initially unqualified in roles for: Education Welfare Service, Behaviour Support Service, and Residential Services.

I qualified in July 2000 and went on to work in Duty & Assessment (4 years), Family Support (2 years), Adolescent Services (8 years), before starting work with unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) in January 2015.

I have experience of working with children under: Child Protection – Child In Need – Children in Care – Custody Disputes (court work in custody disputes).

I have particular experience in areas of: Domestic Abuse (and the impact on children), Substance Misuse, Direct work with Adolescents, and Group work.

Sinead Whelan, Senior Practitioner, Kent County Council

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I am Sinead Whelan, a Senior Practitioner in the Children in Care Team of the Poltons Family Centre in Dover.

The primary aim of the Team is working with children in care. We work hard to achieve permanency for children, whether through long-term foster care or adoption.