

Select Committee - Grammar School and Social Mobility

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Biography

Mrs Gay Reay – PESE* Manager (Kent County Council)

(Procedure for Entrance to Secondary Education, which is what Kent once called its secondary admission process, including the 11+. It is now associated only with the 11+.)*

Mrs Gay Reay has worked for Kent County Council since 1986, when a temporary job on appeals after university gave rise to a series of permanent posts and an enduring interest in school admissions and 11+ assessment. She has helped deliver Kent's 11+ since 1988. She has first-hand knowledge of the tests and processes used in Kent's 11+ over the last 29 years, and of changes resulting from local reviews and from national legislation. Contact with primary schools, grammar schools and parents over this time has also given her some useful perspective. Gay is involved in the procurement process for Kent's 11+ tests, the consideration of SEN/Disability in the context of selection testing and the setting of the threshold for grammar school each year. She issues the LA's advice to schools on the administration of the process, contributes to training and handles enquiries and complaints related to selection.