

# Alison Winterton

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## Professional Qualifications & Expertise

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### Professional Qualifications

M.Sc. Educational Psychology  
Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Primary)  
B.Sc. (Hons) Psychology 2:1

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## Experience

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As an Educational Psychologist I have worked across the country in; Kirklees, Lincolnshire, Harrow, Greenwich and Cambridgeshire. I have experience in assessing and intervening with young people with a wide range of additional needs including:

- Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties
- Physical difficulties
- Hearing impairments
- Developmental delay/specific or general learning difficulties
- Attachment and abuse related difficulties
- Anxiety, depression & school refusal
- Language and Communication difficulties
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders/Asperger's Syndrome
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)/Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)

I am experienced in working in independent schools, special schools, academies and maintained schools and have also worked independently throughout my career. During this time, I have worked across the full age range (0-19) but specialise in the early years.

In 2003, I moved to the Cambridge and Peterborough Foundation Trust where I took up the position of Child Psychologist in the Child Development Unit. The role entailed working as part of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals (Consultant Paediatricians, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists), assessing and diagnosing children (0-6) presenting with neuro-developmental difficulties, including Autism, ADHD, PDA and a variety of other complex syndromes. A combination of assessment techniques were used i.e. play-based and standardised (including the Autism Diagnostic Observation schedule) to assess children's strengths and difficulties as part of the diagnostic procedure. Early intervention to support parents and children following a diagnosis was an integral part of the role.

In 2015, I took up the position of Head of Therapy at a small Independent Special School for pupils with ASD. The school caters for a range of pupils including pre-verbal and high functioning, all of whom have complex learning patterns and challenging behaviour. I manage a team of therapists; who are based on site, including SaLTs, OTs and Learning Mentors. The team provides multi-disciplinary assessments for the pupils and deliver bespoke interventions throughout the school day. In-house training to support the staff to better understand all aspects of Autism also forms part of my role.

I am an accredited Elklan Tutor with the capacity to deliver the courses, 'communication support for children with complex needs' and 'communication support for verbal pupils with ASD', in conjunction with a SaLT.

I have also delivered the Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) course to the Learning Mentors, which has already proved to be a successful addition to the schools training package.

In 2018, I trained as an Advanced Practitioner in Attention Autism [www.ginadavies.co.uk](http://www.ginadavies.co.uk) and have delivered the training course to a team of SaLTs in Lincolnshire and Teaching Assistants at Park House School. I have also embedded the Attention Autism programme into the curriculum for the individuals that require this intervention.

Along with the interventions put in place, I have always ensured that the 40 hours continuing professional development that is required annually by the British Psychological Society is met, and often exceeded.

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## Professional Memberships

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I have prepared reports for courts and tribunals, in addition to attending court. My reports have included:

- Medical negligence
- Decisions regarding residential education
- Changes to the content of education, Health and Care Plans
- Failure to assess for an Education, Health and Care Plan

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## Continuing Professional Development

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Activity - Recent	Undertaken With	Date
Norfolk STEPS update training session (de-escalation of challenging behaviour and positive handling)	Norfolk STEPS	29/11/18
Attended training on Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty	Dr Tom Crossland Clinical Psychologist (in house training)	29/10/18
Attended a day course on 'Attachment' (including emotion coaching and attuned interactions)	Dr Rebecca Docherty Independent Educational Psychologist (in house training)	03/09/18
Completed 'Advanced Attention Autism Practitioner' training	Gina Davies Centre <a href="http://www.ginadavies.co.uk">www.ginadavies.co.uk</a>	19/04-22/06/18
Activity - Less Recent	Undertaken With	Date
Elklan tutor training – complex communication	<a href="http://www.elklan.co.uk">www.elklan.co.uk</a>	05/2016
SCERTS	Emily Rubin Autism Independent UK	01/2016
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Cambridgeshire Local Safeguarding Children Board	11/2014
Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2 training (ADOS 2)	Cambridge and Peterborough Foundation Trust (CPFT) – Dr Fiona Scott	06/2014
TEACCH	Gary Mesibov Autism Independent UK	01/2014
Picture Exchange Communication System Advanced Training	Pyramid Education	04/2013

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## Additional Information

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DBS (enhanced) checked / full clean driving license / personal professional indemnity insurance