

Dr Rebecca L Docherty

BSc (hons), PGCE, EdD, CPsychol

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Professional Qualifications & Expertise

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Chartered Psychologist (Division of Child and Educational Psychology)

PGCE (Secondary Science)

Expertise

- Delivery of training for teachers and teaching assistants. Areas of training include Emotion Coaching, Attachment, Working Memory, and Grief and Loss
- Implementation of school-wide interventions such as Nurturing Tutor Groups and Growth Mindset Workshops
- Assessment of student need including cognition and learning, social and emotional need, and education provision requirements
- Submission of educational psychology reports for the courts for SEND tribunals and personal injury cases

Experience

As an Educational Psychologist I have worked to enhance the social, emotional and mental health needs across Local Authorities. This work has seen me introduce nurture groups for children with attachment difficulties, as well as implementing Authority wide plans for meeting social and emotional needs in schools.

I have 13 years of experience working with and planning appropriate provision for children with Autism (and other neurological conditions) and cognitive difficulties. I have offered consultation to schools, families and other professionals, delivered a wide range of training and written psychological advice for Education, Health and Care Plans.

I produce clear and comprehensive Educational Psychology expert witness reports. Recent cases (within the last two years) have included clients with:

- Cognitive and physical difficulties arising from birth trauma, including cerebral palsy
- Autism
- Severe learning difficulties
- Personal injury resulting from road traffic accidents
- Attachment difficulties
- Foetal Alcohol Syndrome

I am confident in court situations and liaise effectively with clients and solicitors to ensure clarity of communication.

I supervise a team of Assistant Educational Psychologists in a residential independent special school for children with severe learning difficulties and challenging behaviour.

Reports

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

Qualifications, Training & Research

Qualifications

- BSc (hons)
- PGCE
- EdD

Training

- Video Interaction Guidance Training
- Restorative Practices Training
- Personal Construct Psychology
- Cognitive Ability Profile Training
- Dynamic Assessment Training

Research

- Perspectives of parenting
- Best practice in deployment of teaching assistants
- School use of learning outcomes and success criteria
- Learner self-concept

Memberships & Publications

Professional Memberships

- Chartered membership of the British Psychological Society (CPsychol) Reg. number: 180000
- Registered Educational Psychologist with the Health Care Professions Council (PYLO448)

Publications & Presentations

- Docherty, R. (2014). A complete circuit, Educational Psychology in Practice, Vol 30, No 2, pp. 181-191
- Docherty, R. (2014). Extending a helping hand. Children in Scotland. Issue 151
- Docherty, R & McQuaker, L. (2015) Whole school CPD as a context for school-based research, Vol 16, No 1
- Presentation at Scottish Educational Psychologists annual conference (2013): Developing Growth Mindset across the Local Authority
- Book Review (2019) Personalizing Education: A Person Centred Approach. Educational Psychology in Practice

Other Relevant Information

- I hold personal professional liability & indemnity insurance.

Work History

Independent Educational Psychologist

October 2017 - Present

Educational Psychologist

Peterborough County Council

February 2017- October 2017

Acting Senior Educational Psychologist

Lincolnshire County Council

March 2015 – February 2017

Senior Lecturer (Psychology of Education)

University of Lincoln

September 2014 – March 2015

Locum Educational Psychologist

Lincolnshire County Council

March 2014- September 2014

Senior Educational Psychologist

Moray Council

September 2010 – March 2014

Educational Psychologist

Moray Council

September 2006-September 2010

Pupil Referral Unit Manager

Leicestershire County Council

September 2004 – September 2005

Science Teacher

Nottinghamshire County Council

September 2001 – September 2004