

## Brief Curriculum Vitae – Qualifications - Diana Maria Laura BIRCH

- **Professional Address** Youth Support, Woodside Cottage,169 Woodside Green SE25 5HY
- **Professional Appointments –**
- **Medical Director Youth Support; and International branches**
- **Hold full Licence to Practise with revalidation with annual appraisal as required by the GMC.**
- **Experience – widely experienced medical and public health professional highly qualified in several fields. Dual qualified in Paediatrics and Mental Health.**
- **As medical director of Youth Support** planning, developing and executing clinical services in UK and overseas. In this context have set up services for addiction and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation; units for traumatised children and families; public health and vocational centres; safe centres for street children and runaways. Work based in UK; Italy; Russia; Jamaica and USA. Planning maternity, addiction and community services in Afghanistan.
- **Experience encompasses –**
  - **Paediatric, adolescent, family, public health** on international basis at senior consultant level. Working with deprived groups across varied cultures including refugee youth.
  - **Refugees and Asylum Seekers** – have conducted studies of children and youth in war zones including Afghanistan and regularly perform medical assessments for young asylum seekers.
  - **Psychological, psychotherapeutic, mental health work** with individuals and families - have worked with addicted and psychopathic personalities and a variety of disorders such as borderline personalities, learning disabilities and with children in situations of physical, emotional and sexual abuse.
  - **Research** - leading authority on adolescent health and early pregnancy and parenting and conducted Longitudinal studies of our patient groups over a twenty year time span and worked on the British Cohort studies (London University) and Millennium Cohort (Institute Child Health). We have also conducted studies on traumatic stress in Italy and field studies with children and young people in Afghanistan.
  - **Assessment and medico legal work** - leading authority on Child Protection, Adolescence, teenage pregnancy and early parenting often called upon to prepare legal reports on young people and families particularly in child protection, family disturbance, substance abuse and domestic violence, Factitious Illness syndromes and family conflicts, custody contact issues, child alienation. Assessment/medico legal work evaluated in published work.'
  - **Teaching** – wide experience of teaching both professional (medical, teachers, social work and police) and general audiences and youth - lecturing, seminars, workshops, literature and books, online and interactive material and multimedia presentations.
  - **Management / Administration** – managed large department of NHS child health and school services in several London boroughs (Wandsworth, Merton Sutton, Lambeth and Southwark). 34 years experience of running an International NGO. **Media, IT and Computing** – qualified Microsoft & Internet engineer. Experience of multimedia and documentary production – award winning documentaries for charity.
- **Qualifications - Degrees**
  - **LRCP MRCS** (Licentiate Royal College of Physicians; Member Royal College of Surgeons) June 1970
  - **MBBS** (Bachelor Medicine Bachelor Surgery) University of London Oct 1970
  - **DCH** - Diploma in Child Health - (London) Sept 1972
  - **MRCP (UK)** - Member Royal College of Physicians - Jan 1977
  - **MD** (London University) - Doctor of Medicine - Oct 1986
  - **MSc Psychotherapy** St George's Hospital London University - June 1989
  - **MFCH** (Member Faculty of Community Health) Sept 1989
  - **Accredited Consultant** Community Paediatrics 1987
  - **FRCPCH** Fellow Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health 1997
  - **FRIPH** Fellow Royal Institute Public Health 1997
  - **FRCP** - Fellow of Royal College of Physicians - 1998
  - **FSAM** - Fellow Society for Adolescent Medicine (USA) 1998 (revalidated 2010)
  - **MAE** – Member Academy of Experts 2005.
- **Other Qualifications and Certificates** - Transactional Analysis Training 1979 - 1987. Psychodrama Training at Holwell Centre (Marcia Karp).; Substance abuse treatment programmes including Hazeldon and AA (Twelve step) models.; University London/ National Association Mental Health Certificate. Assessor mental handicap /ability including Stanford Binet scales, Schonell, Reynell language assessment Sept 1973; Child Audiology /assessment of Deaf child St George's Hospital 1973 ; Ruth Griffiths child development scales 1976; Advanced Paediatric Course - Great Ormond Street – 1976 ; Assistant Police Surgeon - forensic examination child /adult sexual abuse - 1986 ; **Contraception and sexuality** Family Planning Basic certificate 1973; Family Planning advanced (IUCD) certificate 1974; Family planning Instructing Doctor's course 1978