



Dear Colleague,

I am writing to draw your attention to our assessment and expert witness service and to our reorganised services for child and family surveillance and assessment.

We are able to provide independent specialist assessment of parents and families particularly where there have been child protection issues or where the parents may have had difficulties with child care.

Our team is very experienced in such matters and we have particular expertise in the case of young parents, families where children have already been removed or where a previous child has been harmed or has died, Factitious illness ('Munchausen by proxy') issues, family conflicts such as child alienation and other high risk cases. All work is conducted at a highly professional level.

We can undertake initial court reports and recommendations for future work carried out on available papers or on preliminary meetings with the family or individual. This may be followed by a period of assessment or series of sessions which will form the basis for a further report. Sessions may also be videoed and comments made thereon.

We are also able to undertake therapeutic work with families.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Initial appointments usually available within 1-2 weeks

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