



AREAS OF EXPERTISE (CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE, ADULTS)

- Cerebral Palsy
- Learning disabilities
- Autism
- Neurological conditions – acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury
- Amputation
- Complex orthopaedic conditions
- Challenging behaviours
- Psychological conditions including mental health conditions, post traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Social Work England
- British Association of Brain Injury and Complex Case Management (BABICM)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Arts (1st Class Honours) Psychosocial Studies University of East London
- Master of Arts in Social Work University of East Anglia
- Foundation in Systemic Family Therapy Centre for Systemic Social Work
- Stage 1 and 2 Practice Education London Metropolitan University

Lorna Smith

BA(Hons) MA Social Work

Case Manager

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Lorna is a qualified social worker with expertise in supporting children, young people and adults living with complex with disabilities in the community.

On qualifying in 2012, Lorna was a social worker for Norfolk County Council in a community learning disability multidisciplinary team, with a complex caseload of adults with learning and physical disabilities. She assessed, planned and reviewed care packages and coordinated the multidisciplinary team.

Between 2012 and 2019 in statutory services, Lorna regularly assessed safeguarding concerns, undertook mental capacity and risk assessments and managed issues related to family and paid carers. She effectively dealt with clients' challenging behaviours and complex family dynamics.

In 2016 Lorna also worked as a voluntary social worker in Cambodia while travelling. On return to the UK, she worked across two London boroughs with children with complex health needs and conditions such as cerebral palsy, autism, Prada Willie, Angelman and Rett syndromes and oppositional defiant disorder. Lorna assessed for and commissioned packages of care and led the multidisciplinary teams. She also completed a foundation course in Systemic Family Therapy, promoting the assessment of the whole family unit and using a therapeutic approach to assessment.

In 2019 Lorna took a role in the safeguarding team for the charity Scope where she assessed risk to adults and children. In 2022 she started working as a case manager with children and adults with complex brain injury, physical injuries and psychological trauma. Lorna competently assesses needs, commissions services, monitors budgets and works closely with legal parties and healthcare teams.

Lorna is passionate about empowering individuals with complex needs living in the community through building their local relationships and networks.

Lorna undertakes continuing professional development by attending regular training courses, webinars and conferences relevant to her role.