

A Service That Cares



Hello, I'm Jazmine Walker. Welcome to my first virtual staff communication. I am taking this opportunity to reach out in a virtual world; I hope to meet you all in staff forums and meetings over the coming months but in the meantime wanted to introduce myself.

EXPERIENCE

I qualified as a social worker in 2008. I have always worked with children and their families with much of my direct social work practice with children who were subject to child protection, care proceedings, and adoption.

My management experience began in Wolverhampton in 2013 as an Assistant Team Manager and then the Consultant Social Work for the Low Hill area. So for a number of reasons, returning to Wolverhampton as your Head of Service for C&YP in Care is a true privilege.

Since 2016 I have predominately worked with children in care as a Team Manager and Service Manager as well as managing Child Protection Chairs and IROs. More recently I have been acting up as Head of Service with responsibility for quality assurance and a Safeguarding Partnership.

PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Direct work with families. I've remained in contact with adopters for two siblings who, prior to my involvement, had not met each other. One of the children has a disability and professionals could not envision a family life for them together. We overcame the challenges and **promoted the sibling relationship.**
- ❖ Worked with a Regional Adoption Agency and significantly **improved foster to adopt rates.**
- ❖ Completed a Therapeutic Life Story Work course in 2017.
- ❖ **Became a foster carer** myself in 2018 and a "tummy" mummy in 2019.
- ❖ **Championed C&YP's participation** and "worker profiles" for staff to share with C&YP to show them our more human side (something similar to this one!).

V I S I O N

We all work together as a staff group and "with" C&YP to ensure they are **cared for and cared about.**

We focus on long-term outcomes and have **high aspirations** for every C&YP; achieving the best possible outcomes will require us to focus on the quality and impact of our work.

Our ultimate goal will be to enable C&YP to **reach their full potential.**



Finally, on a personal note, I like cooking, anything creative, and being physically active. I look forward to "bring and share" lunches when we are able to meet in person and getting to know you all better.

In the meantime, I hope to meet you virtually over the coming months and will be building on existing strengths – lets promote all the good practice I find in the next edition of this staff communication!