



Alison MULLEN

Since 2015 Alison has worked both as a Registered Intermediary (with witnesses and complainants) and as an Independent Intermediary (with suspects and defendants) and with vulnerable people in Family Courts. To date she has facilitated communication with approximately 400 vulnerable individuals during police interviews and/or court proceedings. She specialises in working with people of all ages with learning disabilities and typically developing children. Alison has extensive experience of working with children and adults of all ages with communication difficulties. Initially, as a psychology graduate, she worked in a variety of settings with people who had mental health conditions, acquired brain injuries and learning disabilities. She qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 2001 and worked in this capacity with children and adults with learning disabilities for 14 years. Many individuals also had sensory disabilities, Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), mental health difficulties, physical disabilities and/or degenerative conditions in addition to their learning disability. Alison is a highly self-motivated, competent and confident Intermediary. She prides herself on being personable and approachable to the vulnerable people she supports as well as the professionals she works with. Alison is committed to facilitating communication with people with limited communication skills before and during court proceedings and strive to achieve this at every given opportunity.

Home Location: Northumberland

Travel Distance: 50 miles

Preferred Locations: Newcastle upon Tyne

Excluded Locations: Carlisle

Education:

BSc (Hons) Psychology, University of Kent, 1997

MSc Language Pathology, Newcastle University, 2001

Masters in Clinical Research, Newcastle University, 2014

Training:

Registered Intermediary training, Ministry of Justice (City Law School, City University), 2015

Working with Defendants, Intermediaries for Justice, 2018

Working in Family Courts, Intermediaries for Justice, 2019

Expertise:

Unclear Speech

Dementia (including Alzheimer's Disease)

Cerebral Palsy

Dyslexia

Learning Disability or Difficulties

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)

ADHD

Elderly

Child

Depression and/or Anxiety

Brain and/or Head Injury (including a stroke)