



## Francesca CASTELLANO

Francesca has a background in forensic psychology after retraining from her previous career in the film industry. Whilst studying, she worked as an Appropriate Adult and Victim Support worker. Francesca specialises in working in the criminal courts with defendants and witnesses over the age of 8 with impaired communication (including mild/moderate learning difficulties, autistic spectrum disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, oppositional defiance disorder, substance abuse problems, anxiety and depression).

Home Location: London

Travel Distance: 150 miles

Preferred Locations: London, Birmingham, Rugby, Rugeley, Oxford, Reading, Nuneaton, Milton Keynes, Feltham, Royal Leamington Spa, Ascot, Aylesbury

Excluded Locations: Romford, Woolwich, Kent Street

Education:

MSc Forensic Psychology, Coventry University, 2017

BSc Psychology, Open University, 2015

Training:

Autism Informed Practice, Intermediaries for Justice, 2020

Registered Intermediary Training, NCA / Ministry of Justice, 2019

Intermediary Development Programme, Triangle, 2018

Expertise:

Stammering / Stuttering

ADHD

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)

Learning Disability or Difficulties

Dyslexia

Elderly

Child

Depression and/or Anxiety

Undiagnosed mental health concerns

Unclear Speech