



Fiona SIMPSON

Fiona trained as a Registered Intermediary under the Ministry of Justice scheme in 2007, building on her professional background as a Speech and Language Therapist (SLT). From 2015, in addition to her Registered Intermediary work with witnesses, she has worked as an intermediary for adult defendants, sharing some cases with colleagues. In her intermediary and SLT work, she has a special focus in working with adults with acquired neurological conditions, such as stroke, brain injury or dementia. She works mainly in the North of England, covering about 12 police force areas and she has experience of working regularly in local courts. She is currently a member of the Durham Crown Court Local Implementation Team rolling out Section 28 special measure relating to pre-trial cross-examination, having had experience of pilot s28 cases at Leeds Crown Court since 2014. She contributes to training sessions about the role of intermediaries for local police forces. She has presented at a number of MoJ Intermediary Conferences. Fiona jointly organised and presented at the 2016 Intermediaries for Justice conference and presented at The Advocates' Gateway 2nd International Conference: Access to Justice for Vulnerable People in 2017.

Home Location: Bishop Auckland Town, County Durham

Travel Distance: 100 miles

Preferred Locations: Durham, Newcastle upon Tyne, Middlesbrough, York, Leeds, Carlisle

Education:

MSc Language Pathology, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, 2000

BA(Hons) English Language and Linguistics, Durham University, 1997

Training:

MoJ Registered Intermediary training, City University, 2007

Working with Defendants, Intermediaries for Justice, 2015

Working in Family Courts training , Intermediaries for Justice, 2019

Expertise:

Voice Disorders (including laryngectomy)

Brain and/or Head Injury (including a stroke)

Stammering / Stuttering

Unclear Speech

Dementia (including Alzheimer's Disease)

Neurological and other progressive disorders (including Motor Neurone Disease & Parkinson's disease)

Elderly

Depression and/or Anxiety