

## **Karen HAYNES (nee DART)**

Karen has over 12 years experience working as an intermediary and over 28 years of experience working as a speech and language therapist. She is registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council, is a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and also a member of Intermediaries for Justice. Karen specialises in the area of autism and learning difficulties and achieved her master's degree in Special Education and Autism in 2011. She completed her training as a Registered Intermediary at the City Law School, City University in 2009 and has worked as an intermediary since then. Karen works as both a Registered Intermediary with vulnerable witnesses and as a HMCTS appointed intermediary with both family respondents and defendants. She works in the geographical locations of North Yorkshire and both the North and South banks of the Humber.

Home Location: Ryedale, Yorkshire

Travel Distance: 85 miles

Education:

BSc (Hons) Communication Language Sciences (Speech and Language Therapy), Leeds Metropolitan University, 1994

MEd Special Education and Autism, Birmingham University, 2011

Training:

Working in the Family Court, Intermediaries for Justice, 2019

Working with Defendants, Intermediaries for Justice, 2021

Trauma Informed Practice, Intermediaries for Justice, 2021

Law and Policing, Intermediaries for Justice, 2021

Expertise:

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)

Cerebral Palsy

Dyslexia

Learning Disability or Difficulties

ADHD

Child

Depression and/or Anxiety

Unclear Speech

Stammering / Stuttering

Elderly

Undiagnosed mental health concerns