



Liz PROSSER

Liz is an experienced specialist speech and language therapist who has undertaken further training to gain Ministry of Justice Registered Intermediary (RI) registration. Her background and experience of assessing and supporting clients with communication difficulties within an NHS clinical setting has enabled her to extend her skills into facilitation of communication within the Criminal Justice System. She has worked as a court appointed intermediary for 15 years and has an extensive experience of working with adult and child communication disabilities including: learning disabilities and mental health issues; setting up live links from people's homes when they are physically unwell and unable to access the court in person; assisting a 4-year old in a complex case; assisting a mother involved with the family court who could only communicate using a yes/no card due to severe brain injury.

Liz is one of the most experienced intermediaries in the country with extensive experience of both criminal and family courts. Her specialisms include working with people with acquired neurological conditions such as stroke or Parkinson's Disease and with learning disability. Originally, as an intermediary she worked with children of all age groups but more recently she has specialised to work with older children (from age 9 years and upwards) particularly those with mental health vulnerabilities. Having become an accredited RI, Liz regularly provides training to police colleagues on the role of the Registered Intermediary and has presented to the local family justice boards on how intermediaries work within family courts as well as becoming involved with interviewing potential new RIs and mentoring other intermediaries. In 2021, she co-presented at a medico-legal conference for psychiatrists on "Fitness to plead and stand trial: the role of the intermediary in ensuring effective participation".

Home Location: Peterborough

Travel Distance: 50 miles

Preferred Locations: Peterborough, Cambridge

Education & Training:

BSc. Clinical Language Sciences (Speech Therapy), Leeds Polytechnic, 1988

Registered Intermediary Training, Inns of Court, School of Law, 2004

Accredited RI, Ministry of Justice, 2018

Suspect Interviews - considerations for Intermediary, Cambs/Herts and Beds Police Force, 2019

Working in the family court, basic and advanced level, Intermediaries for Justice, 2019, 2021

Expertise:

Voice Disorders (including laryngectomy)

Brain and/or Head Injury (including a stroke)

Dementia (including Alzheimer's Disease)

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

Cerebral Palsy

Learning Disability or Difficulties

Elderly

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)

ADHD

Depression and/or Anxiety

Diagnosed mental health disorders

Undiagnosed mental health concerns

Child