



Tina PEREIRA

Tina is an independent intermediary who has worked with vulnerable people in criminal courts, mostly in the Midlands for several years. She was trained and accredited as a Registered Intermediary by the Ministry of Justice in 2007, working with vulnerable witnesses but now also works with vulnerable suspects and with respondents in Family Courts. Previously, Tina worked as a specialist speech and language therapist in the UK, as well as overseas. She has a doctorate in Language and Communication - understanding and using language in legal contexts. Tina's area of expertise is Learning Disability (adults and children) and she also works with typically developing children. Learning Disability can be associated with genetic factors (e.g. Down's Syndrome, Fragile X), neuro-developmental disorders (such as Autism/ASD, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder/ADHD), Traumatic Brain Injury and severe environmental deprivation (such as the impact of modern slavery on communication and behaviour). She is highly experienced working with interpreters of South Asian languages. Tina is especially interested in using low technology communication aids with vulnerable people who find it particularly difficult to use spoken language alone to communicate their account. She is a member of Intermediaries for Justice (the professional organisation for intermediaries in England, Wales and Northern Ireland) and was Honorary Secretary from December 2014 to November 2017. Tina is a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and the International Association of Forensic Linguists. Tina was on the training group that writes and delivers training to new Registered Intermediaries on behalf of the Ministry of Justice and has mentored many newly qualified intermediaries. She provides bespoke training and mentoring to colleagues in the field. Tina is passionate about enabling equal access to justice for all vulnerable people. Please visit her website <https://www.tinapereiraintermediary.co.uk> for further details.

Home Location: Bromsgrove, West Midlands

Travel Distance: 50 miles

Preferred Locations: Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Royal Leamington Spa, Worcester, Leicester, Hereford, Redditch, Kidderminster, Willenhall

Education:

PhD (Language and Communication), Cardiff University, 2021

MEd (Speech and Language Pathology), University of Virginia, 1988

BSc (Audiology and Speech Therapy), University of Bombay, 1986

Training:

Registered Intermediary training, Ministry of Justice, 2007

Working with defendants, Intermediaries for Justice, 2018

Working in Family Courts, The Intermediary Cooperative, 2022

Expertise:

Learning Disability or Difficulties

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)

ADHD

Child

Depression and/or Anxiety