



Martyn Tonkin

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Chartered Educational Psychologist



Health Professions Council Registration: **PYL01474**

Martyn Tonkin has a sound knowledge of educational settings as systems and learning organisations. He currently works as an Associate with Devon EP service undertaking statutory-related assessments from pre-school through to post 16. He previously worked as a generic educational psychologist for 18 years during which he held a senior practitioner position with responsibilities for strategic planning in early years and citywide training on a range of interventions including precision teaching methods and motivational interviewing. He has had extensive personal experience of working within integrated locality and multi-agency support teams, supervising Educational Psychologists in training and post graduate research assistants research projects. He has also had recent experience of working as a SENCo at an all age faith school and 'Lead on Cognition and learning' at a UTC college

AREAS OF SPECIALISM

- Extensive casework experience of neuro-diversity issues across the age ranges and key stages
- In-depth knowledge of targeted and specialist interventions/ support arrangements particularly within mainstream settings
- Extensive experience in developing whole school approaches (e.g. dyslexia-awareness, autism-friendly practice and the use of instructional psychology methods and motivational interviewing techniques)
- Wide-ranging experience of tribunals as a local authority employed psychologist

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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| 1996 | Master of Science Educational Psychology – Exeter University (School of Education) |
| 1983 | Post Graduate Certificate of Education – Middle Years – Roehampton Institute of Education |
| 1982 | Bachelor of Science (Psychology) Upper Second Class Honours – University of Cardiff |

SPECIALIST TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Maintaining regular annual CPD in keeping with HCPC requirements, including:

- Conferences/ Seminars - 'Attachment theory and post trauma support' (Dan Hughes, David Trickey), 'Dynamic Assessment techniques' (David Tzuriel), 'Multi-agency safeguarding training'

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- In-service – ‘Solution Focused Brief Therapy’, ‘Video Interactive Guidance’, ‘Compassion Focused therapy’ and ‘Person-centred planning’
- Personal research – extensive background knowledge to support casework particularly in relation to overcoming obsessions and compulsion, panic and depressive illness, recent BPS approved ‘Competence in psychological practice 16-25’

WORK HISTORY

2018 – Present Devon Educational Psychology Service

- Associate position with Devon EP service.

2016 – Present South Devon UTC (i.e. Years 9 – 13)

- ‘Lead on Cognition and learning’
- Key stage four casework focus on mental health issues, ASC and GCSE access arrangements

2015 – 2018 Focus School, Plymouth Campus (i.e. Years 3 – 13)

- ‘Inclusion Coordinator’ and Key stage 3/4 maths teacher

1996 – 2015 Plymouth EPS

- Breadth of experience in using a wide range of assessment tools, solution-focused approaches and consultation models at the individual, group and whole school/ setting level
- Link/ lead educational psychologist for pupil referral units, early years resources panel, developing/ delivering an NQT behaviour management course and overseeing the ‘roll out’ across primary schools of SEAL (‘Social Emotional aspects of Learning’) with the Behaviour Support Team

Prior to 1996:

- **Class teacher years 3-6** (i.e. at a junior and primary in South Devon with subject responsibility for Maths and PE)
- **Peripatetic Academic Council Special Needs Teacher** (i.e. with responsibility for planning delivering and evaluating groupwork programmes of support across a federation of schools)
- **Maths Teacher** (Key stage 3/4 teacher at Tooting Bec Girls School and Wandsworth Boys Secondary Schools)
- **Special Needs Teacher** (class teacher at an all age special school for pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties and medical conditions at a South London special school)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Registered with Health and Care Professions Council

Member of Association of Educational Psychologists