

# Dr Esther Borrett BSc, MSc, PGCE, DEdCPsy Chartered Educational Psychologist



Health Professions Council Registration: PYL37196

Dr Esther Borrett specialises in psychological assessments of children and young people 0-25 years, interpretation of those findings and report writing, including psychological advice to inform statutory work in connection with Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

She has conducted research and development of trauma informed approaches including research of a pilot for using trauma informed approaches in the Youth Justice Service, development of trauma informed training for schools and colleges and whole school development of adversity awareness and resilience. She is experienced with working with highly vulnerable and complex children and young people including looked after children, victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect. She also has further training and experience of working with children and young people from the Roma community and working with young people involved in gangs. Specialist role in Youth Justice working with young people who come into contact with the Youth Justice Service.

#### Areas of specialism

- Youth Justice
- Trauma and Resilience

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2019 Professional Doctorate Educational and Child Psychologist University of East London
- 2016 MSc Psychology University of Essex
- 2007 Post Graduate Certificate in Education University of East Anglia
- 2002 BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology Upper Second-Class Degree University of North London

## **WORK HISTORY**

## 2019 – Present Specialist Educational Psychologist (Youth Justice), Psychology and Therapeutic Service, Suffolk County Council

Duties involve psychological assessment of children and young people 0-25 years, interpretation
of those findings and report writing, including psychological advice to inform statutory work in
connection with Special Educational Needs Code of Practice. Liaising with parents and
professionals in a school and community settings and external agencies. Research and
development of trauma informed approaches including research of a pilot for using trauma
informed approaches in the Youth Justice Service, development of trauma informed training for
schools and colleges and whole school development of adversity awareness and resilience.
Supervision and training of Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA). Experienced at working
with highly vulnerable and complex children and young people including looked after children,



victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect. Further training and experience of working with children and young people from the Roma community and working with young people involved in gangs. Specialist role supporting Youth Justice Practitioners.

### 2016 – 19 Trainee Educational Psychologist (full time student at the University of East London)

• 2016 – 17 at Islington Council and remaining time at Suffolk County Council

### 2005 – 14 Lecturer in Psychology – Suffolk New College

• Teaching of A' Level, GCSE and Access to Higher Education Psychology. Supervision of research projects. Link support tutor for young people with specific learning difficulties within the department. Examiner for a major exam board.

#### 2003 – 05 Lecturer in Psychology – Blackburn College

• Teaching BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care and supervision of research projects.

### 2002 – 03 Psychology Assistant

• Assisting a large research team investigating stress immunology. Collecting, inputting, and analysing data.

#### **Experience of Using Psychological Assessments and Tools**

Wechsler Children's Intelligence Test (WISC-V), Wechsler Individual Attainment Test (WIAT-III), Wide Range Intelligence Scales (WRIT), Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS-IV), British Ability Scales (BAS-III), Phonological Assessment Battery (PhAB), Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT-I), Beck Youth Inventory, Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-Being Scale (WEMWBS), Brief Resiliency Scales, Myself as a Learner, Schedule of Growing Skills, PIP Developmental Charts, Behaviour Rating Inventory of Executive Functioning (BRIEF-2), Resiliency Scales for Children and Adolescents, Cognitive Abilities Profile, Dynamic Assessment Tools, Let's Play, Person Construct Psychology tools, Person Centred Tools

#### **Therapeutic Interventions/Interventions**

Motivational interviewing, solution focussed brief therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy, circle of friends, The Resilience Builder Programme for post-16 and whole school approaches to being adversity/trauma informed.