

Dr Rebecca Docherty
Educational Psychologist

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Dr Docherty is an experienced educational psychologist. Her career began as a class teacher, giving her first-hand understanding of implementing interventions in schools, moving through senior educational psychologist roles, senior lecturer, and into independent practice. She has worked closely with mainstream and special schools to offer bespoke packages of assessment, consultation and training. She has experience leading educational psychology provision across a group of residential independent special schools for students with severe learning difficulty and social, emotional and mental health needs.

Dr Docherty produces reliable and efficient reports for courts in relation to SEND disputes and personal injury cases.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Cerebral Palsy
- Personal Injury
- Clinical Negligence
- Cognitive Assessment
- Attachment
- SEND Tribunals
- Special Educational Needs
- SEN Educational Psychology
- First Tier Tribunals
- Severe Learning Difficulties

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Independent Educational Psychologist (2017-Present)

- Bespoke school-based educational psychology
- EHCP reports
- Consultancy and supervision
- Legal reports

Senior Educational Psychologist (2015-2017)

- Leading social emotional and mental health needs educational psychology intervention across the authority

Senior Lecturer (Psychology of Education) (2014-2015)

- Introduction of new PGCE course
- Supervision of doctoral theses

Senior Educational Psychologist (2010-2014)

- Introduction of training for TAs across authority
- Establishment of nurture groups and attachment aware schools.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2011

The University of Sheffield
EdD in Educational Psychology

2007

The University of Sheffield
Initial Training in Educational Psychology

2001

The University of Nottingham
Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)

2000

The University of Nottingham
Behavioural Science (BSc)
Secondary Science Teaching

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2019 Expert Witness Report Writing – Bond Solon
2016 Video Interaction Guidance Training - Tavistock Institute
2015 Restorative Practices Training - Inclusive Solutions
2015 Personal Construct Psychology - Heather Moran
2012 Cognitive Ability Profile Training - Real Training
2011 Dynamic Assessment Training - Real Training