



## SUMMARY CV – LORRAINE ROSS

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#### Details of WRC Limited

Williams Ross Consultants Limited (WRC Ltd) is an established company of social care consultants specialising in child and family work.

Initially operating as Williams Ross Consultants the company incorporated in February 2003 having already established a customer portfolio from February 2000 via the work of the Principal Consultant. Subsequently the company expanded to include a second Director/Senior Consultant.

All aspects of social care work is and has been undertaken by either or both of its Directors, ranging from interim management within local government children's services or private agencies, through to highly specialised expert witness evidence, teaching/tutoring and audit work, together with management of complex forums such as 'looked after' children's reviews, foster home reviews, multi-agency child protection conferences, adoption and fostering panels. Both Directors have been appointed as Children's Guardian's (GaL's). The company has operated throughout England & Wales and within Europe. Customers span the central/local government, voluntary and independent social care agency sectors.

**Details of Consultant - Lorraine Ross**

Lorraine Ross has been working in social care since 1982, initially as an unqualified Social Work Assistant in a Child Protection Team with a large Shire County. She obtained the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work in 1987 following a one year post graduate training course and went on to work in Local Authority social care, focussing almost exclusively on child protection and child care. She has also sat as a member of Local Authority Fostering Panels in the past and have written policy and procedural guidance.

Lorraine has been a Team Manager in both assessment and care management and has also been a Reviewing Officer with responsibility for Chairing Child Protection Case Conferences and Looked After Children Reviews. In addition she has been a member of the Area Child Protection Committee (Now the Children's Safeguarding Boards) and has delivered Child Protection Training both within the Local Authority and on a private contractual basis to organisations such as Connexions. In 1999 she obtained a Masters Degree in Health and Social Care Management.

Lorraine left Local Authority service in 2003 and since that time has been working on a (initially on a part time basis) as a self employed Children's Guardian within the Birmingham and Marches areas. She is now a full-time consultant of the business. She has also undertaken independent social work assessments of parenting and contact, undertaken consultancy work with Local Authorities around policy and procedure development (for example the Adoption and Children Act 2002) and preparation for inspections of Fostering and Adoption Services. In addition to this she is an Associate Lecturer with the Open University, previously for the Diploma in Social Work and now on the Social Work degree.

She continues to Chair Reviews and Case Conferences on an independent basis, acts as a self employed Children's Guardian, Open University (social work) tutor, professional (expert) witness and general child care or management consultant.

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