



Dr. Hilary Dyer

Child & Educational Psychologist

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International Educational Psychologist and SEN Legal Specialist Dr. Hilary Dyer is available to share her knowledge, expertise, warmth, and energy with parents of children with Special Educational Needs, in conducting independent assessments of needs, and in offering a range of legal services covering the SEN Code of Practice and SEN legislation.

This unique service for parents covers all the usual range of services offered by Independent Educational Psychologists, and combines it with a range of SEN legal services, like Statement checking, Lodging Notice of Appeals, Grounds of Appeal, Case Statements and Representation at Tribunal.

For more information, please contact Hilary, either by phone or email. I can help with Autism, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, Language, Speech & Communication Disorders, Learning Difficulties (Mild, Moderate, Severe, Profound, Global Developmental Delay), A.D.H.D. Dyslexia (SpLD), Dyspraxia, and Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties.

The work I do requires a specialist level of knowledge and understanding of both Children's Development and SEN, and also of the SEN Code of Practice, and SEN Laws. To find out more about my qualifications and knowledge, click on the About Me page.



A Full CV is available upon request, but my profile includes:-

- A Professional Doctorate in Educational and Developmental Psychology (2001).
- 5 years experience as an Independent Child & Educational Psychologist working with parents and Children's Charities across the UK.
- Experience of SENDIST Tribunal and Expert Witness work - most cases settled before the Hearing.
- Senior Lecturer in SEN Law at Northampton University.
- 10 years experience as a Lecturer in SEN, Educational & Developmental Psychology at several leading UK universities including the Open University, Birmingham City University, and the Universities of Salford, Bolton, and Gloucestershire .
- Membership of the British Psychological Society, and Membership of the Division of Child & Educational Psychology.
- 13 years experience as a Special Needs Teacher.
- Full Enhanced CRB Clearance (July 2008) and Professional Indemnity Insurance (£2.5m).



Services

- Statement checking service: reading through draft and proposed statements, checking for detail, specificity and quantification; reading through other documentation, letters etc and providing expert opinion; writing replies
- Assessments and Diagnoses of SEN to secure full up-to-date advice on the nature and extent of the child's needs; detailed reports covering requirements for Parts 2, 3, and 4 of the Statement of SEN
- Preparing and lodging Notice of Appeal Forms, Grounds of Appeal, and drawing up Case Statements for Tribunal

- Representing parents at Disagreement Resolution meetings; accompanying parents on visits to proposed schools to ask those all-important questions
- Securing the services of other Independent Professionals - Speech & Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Psychiatrists, Physiotherapists, receiving and interpreting their reports, integrating into Case Statements etc
- Appearing at Tribunal as Parents' Representative and Witness

My areas of expertise

On the basis of my experience and specialist knowledge, I offer assessments in the following areas of Special Educational Need and Disability:

Autism, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Language, Speech & Communication Disorders, Learning Difficulties (Mild, Moderate, Severe, Profound, Global Developmental Delay), ADHD, Physical Disabilities including Cerebral Palsy, Motor Disorders, Dyspraxia, and Emotional, Social & Behavioural Difficulties.

Please note: I am not a specialist in Dyslexia, or Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) and therefore do not conduct assessments in these areas.

Pricing for my services

Educational Psychologist Services and SEN Legal Services: £ 110 per hour

Observations, assessments and diagnostic testing are conducted in the child's home, and if required, school also.

The fee for this work will be dependent upon the range of tests, assessments and observations required. You should allow as a minimum 3 hours for this, where my work is within the child's home only. There will also be an hourly rate of £110 for writing up the report with recommendations etc.

Where I observe and assess the child in their current school as well as home, this will require approximately an additional 3 hours. Time costs will also need to be included for the writing up of this information in my report.

Visits to potential schools are conducted either with or without parents' presence. These are also charged at £ 110 per hour, plus the time costs for writing up the report. As a guideline, this is approximately 2 hours for the visit, and 1-2 hours to write up the report. A detailed estimate of work required and costs involved will always be provided before I accept and undertake the work for you.

Clients will receive full Terms and Conditions for my work and need to agree to these prior to work being undertaken.

Travelling time by car over 2 hours is charged at £ 30 per hour
Travelling expenses are charged at **40p per mile**.

No VAT is chargeable on any work or expenses.

Statement MOT Service

Many Statements of SEN are unlawful and do not comply with the SEN Code of Practice, or the Law. I will assess your child's current Statement of SEN and provide you with advice on its deficiencies, and what it should include. I will also make recommendations regarding re-assessments if the Statement is 'out of date'

Contact me for further details.

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