

SARAH LOUISE FOSTER

QUALIFICATIONS

BSc (Hons) Psychology (First Class), Open University, 2016

- Obtained a broad grounding in psychological theory, applied psychology and quantitative and qualitative research methods.
- Achieved above 80% in every module, and distinctions in all final year modules.

PG Certificate Local Government Management, Warwick University, 2007

- Covered organisational theory and strategy as applied to a public sector setting.

BA (Hons) Business Management (First Class), Newcastle University, 2003

- Covered a range of topics including organisational behaviour, occupational psychology, sociology, human resource management, and public services management.
- Awarded the Business School Prize for Academic Achievement and Overall Performance.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Graduate Tutor, Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, Northumbria University (Jul 2015-present)

- Undertaking doctoral research on attachment theory and its relevance to clinical and social work practice. Teach attachment theory and other psychological and sociological theories and concepts to Social Work and other Undergraduate and Masters students.

Research Assistant, Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, Northumbria University (Nov 2014-Jul 2015)

- Assisted Dr Robbie Duschinsky with his Wellcome Trust Investigator Award project examining the concept of 'disorganised attachment' and its application.

Senior Researcher, Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion (Jan 2010-Nov 2014)

- Responsible for managing and contributing to the design and delivery of commissioned research, policy and training projects.

Research Associate, Centre for Public Policy, Northumbria University (Jan 2008-Jan 2010)

- Responsible for managing and contributing to the design and delivery of commissioned research and training projects.

Workforce Development Coordinator, Hartlepool Borough Council (Jul 2006-Jan 2008)

- Responsible for managing the training and development of staff within the Children's Services Department of the Local Authority.

National Management Trainee, Hartlepool Borough Council (Jan 2005-Jul 2006)

- Responsible for developing strategies, managing projects and conducting research for senior managers in all departments of the Local Authority.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- British Psychological Society: Graduate Member since October 2016.
- Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Cambridge University: Visiting Researcher since August 2016.

SPECIALIST ATTACHMENT TRAINING

- Reflective Functioning on the Adult Attachment Interview Training, Anna Freud Centre, January 2016.
- Strange Situation Training with Dr Judith Solomon, London, July 2015.
- Adult Attachment Interview Training with Drs Mary Main and Erik Hesse, University of California Berkeley, January 2015.

SELECTED RESEARCH MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- Managed a large-scale Government-commissioned evaluation of the Work Choice specialist disability employment programme (contract value £435,000). The research comprised 633 qualitative interviews with a wide range of stakeholders, a small number of focus groups and a quantitative survey.
- Managed a Government-commissioned evaluation of pilot performance measures for Jobcentre Plus (contract value £180,000). The research comprised 220 qualitative interviews with Jobcentre Plus managers and front-line staff.
- Managed the second qualitative wave of the Government-commissioned evaluation of Lone Parent Obligations (contract value £178,000). The research comprised qualitative interviews and focus groups with 55 Jobcentre Plus staff and 202 lone parent customers.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Foster S, Metcalf H, Purvis A, Lanceley L, Foster R, Lane P, Tufcecki L, Rolfe H, Bertram C, Newton B, & Garlick M. (2014) *Work Programme Evaluation: Operation of the commissioning model, finance and programme delivery*, Department for Work and Pensions Research Report.
- Gibbons D, Foster S (2014) *Advice, Support and Poverty: Evidence Review*, Joseph Rowntree Foundation Report.
- Purvis A, Foster S, Lane P, Aston J, Davies, M. (2013) *Evaluation of the Work Choice Specialist Disability Employment Programme*, Department for Work and Pensions Research Report.
- Casebourne J, Davies M, Foster S, Lane P, Purvis A, Whitehurst D. (2010) *Lone Parent Obligations: Destinations of lone parents after Income Support eligibility ends*, Department for Work and Pensions Research Report.