

# CURRICULUM VITAE



**Charlotte Orrell**

**Speech and Language Therapist, Registered Intermediary and Forensic Interviewer**

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Charlotte is a qualified Speech and Language Therapist with over twelve years of specialist experience working with children and young people and with complex communication needs, including learning disability, autism and challenging behaviour. She is a Forensic Interviewer for Triangle, questioning children for Family Court proceedings. She has also worked as a Registered Intermediary since qualifying in 2008, facilitating communication between witnesses with autism at police interview and at trial. She is on the committee of [The Advocate's Gateway](#), which provides advice about how to question vulnerable witnesses. She has also written expert witness reports for the family courts and Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunals on topics relating to autism and communication. Charlotte is a co-trainer on the Triangle's advanced Forensic Child Interviewing course.

## Qualifications / Training

- 2015 Five day advanced Forensic Child Interviewing Course (Triangle)
- 2012 Working with Children who have experienced Trauma & Loss (Yellow Kite)
- 2012 Autism and Communication Training (Triangle)
- 2009 Expert Witness Development Programme (Triangle)
- 2008 Registered Intermediary Training
- 2007 AAC and Autism Study Day (Communication Matters)
- 2007 Two day Picture Exchange Communication System Training
- 2005 Five day Makaton Sign Language Course
- 2005 Excellence in Report Writing (Bond Solon legal training consultancy)
- 2005 How to be an Expert Witness (Medico-Legal Special Interest Group)
- 2003 MSc Speech and Language Sciences (University College London)
- 1996 BSc (Hons) Economics (2:1) (York University)

## Employment / Experience

- 2008 – present Registered Intermediary (Ministry of Justice)
- 2011 – present Independent Speech and Language Therapist (self-employed)
- 2009 – present Speech and Language Therapist (Triangle)
- 2005 – 2008 Senior Speech and Language Therapist (Symbol UK)
- 2004 – 2005 Speech and Language Therapist (South Downs Health Trust, Sussex)
- 2003 – 2004 Speech and Language Therapist (Victoria Education Centre, Dorset)



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## **Publications**

Orrell, C (2010) "Guide to Communicating with Children with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties" Community Care Inform, May 2010

Iverson, I., Smith, C.A., and Evans, B.G. (2006). "Vowel recognition via cochlear implants and noise vocoders: Effects of formant movement and duration" The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America - December 2006 - Volume 120, Issue 6, pp. 3998-4006 (Orrell nee Smith)

## **Conference Presentations**

Presented a workshop titled "*How do RIs decide if a witness has the ability to communicate to give evidence in a case*" at the Special Measures Seminar, organised by the National Crime Agency, on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015



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