

Testimonial for Poppy Chandler Principal Educational Psychologist, Shropshire

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I have known and worked with Poppy since she qualified as an Educational Psychologist in 1990. At that time, we were colleagues in the Staffordshire Educational Psychology Service. When Poppy moved to Telford, and later Shropshire, we remained in professional contact. This contact increased through the West Midlands Principal Educational Psychology Group, which Poppy joined when she became a PEP.

I can confirm that Poppy is an outstanding and passionate psychologist who places the child and family at the centre of her work. Her practice is exemplary, maintaining professional standards and expectations and reflecting up to date, evidence-based research.

As a service leader, Poppy is innovative and creative. She strives to maintain consistent and high-quality practice across her team and has the respect and support of her colleagues. Poppy maintains a balanced and calm approach within a demanding role.

Within the West Midlands PEP community, Poppy is a highly valued partner, reflected in her election as Chair of the WMPEP group in September 2020. She has undertaken this role with her usual diligence and enthusiasm. Poppy provides mentoring support to colleagues, including myself, which has been extremely insightful, supportive and effective.

Poppy and I have worked together on projects including service evaluation. She has excellent skills in strategic analysis and critical thinking, coupled with professional curiosity and an awareness of relevant research.

In my experience, Poppy behaves with the utmost integrity in all aspects of her work. Her judgement is absolutely sound, based on evidence, experience and insight. Overall, I believe Poppy is a credit to the profession of educational psychology.