



**Curriculum Vitae  
SIMON AKROYD**



**Mercia Case Management**

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**Area of Work:**

Herefordshire, Birmingham, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Newport, Cardiff, Bristol, Cheltenham

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**KEY SKILLS**

- Working with children and adults with complex neurological and health needs
  - Working with clients with Thalidomide related disabilities
  - Understanding and managing complex family, social and organisational systems
  - Needs and strengths led, client focused work:
    - Securing statutory Social Care and Health care provision and funding
    - Achieving success with Educational Health Care Plans
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**INTERESTS**

I am an active dad of two school age children. I love cycling, swimming and being outdoors. I like home cooked food, making bread and live in rural Herefordshire.

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**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

1991 to 2001  
2002 to 2004

**University of Leicester** Bachelors Degree Biological Sciences  
**University of Leicester** Masters Degree/Dip Social Work

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2017 to date

**Case Manager**  
**Mercia Case Management**

In my current role as case manager I carry a mixed caseload of adults and children with acquired brain injury. My role includes:

- Carrying out assessments of need and formulating detailed case management reports
- Implementing recommendations and co-ordinating rehabilitation programmes
- Advocating for client's rehabilitation and social care needs

2016 to 2017

**Social Worker and Practice Educator**  
**Herefordshire Council**  
**Complex Care Team**

In my role as Social Worker and Practice Educator, I worked with adults with acquired brain injuries, mental health issues, learning disabilities, physical and sensory impairments. This featured risk, safeguarding and other complexity issues that required specialist knowledge and experience. The work was a continuation of my role set out below as a Social Worker.

2014 to 2016

**Practice Development Educator**  
**Herefordshire Council**  
**Workforce Development Team**

In my role as Practice Development Educator, I managed all responsibilities associated with the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment programme for newly qualified social workers. This was across adult services including specialist and generic teams.

2004 to 2014

**Social Worker**  
**Herefordshire Council**  
**Specialist statutory service provision**

In my role as Social Worker, I assessed needs and co-ordinated support planning with clients who had complex intellectual and neurological impairments as a Casework Manager. I worked intensively with clinicians (Psychologists, Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Psychiatrists, Physiotherapists and Specialist Nurses). My role featured Mental Capacity Assessment, leading Best Interest Decision making, and managing Safeguarding enquiries. I handled complex packages of care, contractual negotiations and worked with a wide range of agencies and providers (health, statutory, private and not for profit).

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Social Work England
- Member of British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM)