



MICHAEL RHODES

CASE MANAGER

SNAPSHOT

Michael is a dedicated and experienced professional who has built a robust career over 18 years within Children's Services and Education, with a particular emphasis on supporting children and young people with disabilities.

He has built a strong foundation in both frontline social work and educational support. His career spans residential care, education, and statutory social work, with a strong focus on children with disabilities. Most recently, he has worked as a Social Worker within a Children with Disabilities team, managing complex caseloads involving statutory assessments, care planning, and court proceedings. His earlier roles include a Child Support Officer and Disabled Facilities Grant Coordinator, leading Child in Need interventions and overseeing grant processes across Children's Services residential care, classroom support, and mentoring, all focused on improving outcomes for children with additional needs. Michael's practice is underpinned by a Social Work Degree Apprenticeship, and he brings a deep understanding of multi-agency working, safeguarding, and inclusive practice.

EXPERIENCE

Michael's career began in further education and youth work, where he developed a strong foundation in direct care, learning support, inclusive education, and mentoring for children and young people with special educational needs or mental health needs.

Following on from these roles, Michael worked as a Teaching and Learning Assistant in a Specialist School, as well as direct care work with children with complex needs through Direct Payments. Transitioning into Local Authority roles, Michael has spent over a decade in various capacities, serving as a Residential Child Care Support Worker and later as a Child Support Officer and Disabled Facilities Grant Coordinator.

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🧩 SPECIALISMS

- Paediatric
- Children with disabilities
- Safeguarding
- Neurodiversity
- Multi-agency planning & coordination
- Care reviews
- Care funding assessments
- Disabled facilities grant funding
- Training Delivery

🧩 QUALIFICATIONS

University of Central Lancashire, 2020 – 2024 BA (Hons) in Social Work (Degree Apprenticeship) – Upper Second Class Honours
Blackburn College, 2009 – 2011

🧩 MEMBERSHIPS

- Registered Social Worker - Social Work England – SW153109





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EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

In these later roles, Michael managed Child in Need cases, chaired meetings, conducted assessments, delivered training, and coordinated grant funding across the Borough—demonstrating both frontline expertise and strategic oversight. His commitment to professional growth was evident as he completed the Social Work Degree Apprenticeship while working full-time to become a qualified Social Worker.

As a qualified Social Worker, Michael continued to build on his experience in Local Authority Social Work teams, where he managed complex caseloads involving statutory interventions, court proceedings, and safeguarding enquiries. His work is consistently child-centred, outcome-driven, and of high quality—evidenced through consistently good or outstanding case audit feedback. He is known for his child-focused interventions, attention to detail, advocacy for vulnerable children, and ability to work collaboratively within integrated teams. Michael has gained extensive experience in case management and multi-agency coordination. During his training, Michael worked across diverse teams such as Adoption, Safeguarding Adults, and Child Protection and Court, enriching his practice with a broad understanding of complex care environments.

Michael's holistic understanding of child development, education, and social care makes him a versatile and compassionate practitioner committed to improving outcomes for children and families. Michael's experience in direct care, education, and residential childcare, has been of value in his Social Work role, offering a unique perspective to his practice, and a deeper understanding of client needs.

With significant experience of working with children with disabilities and their families, including holding case responsibility at various levels of statutory Children's Social Care involvement, Michael demonstrates case management experience and the ability to coordinate robust multi-agency plans for clients.

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