



Judith James – Independent Special Education Advisor

Judith James has expertise in many aspects of education and has worked for over twenty - five years in both mainstream and special schools. She qualified in primary education and taught in a mainstream school before working as a Lead Practitioner for children with Cerebral Palsy for eight years. Judith was then appointed the Head Teacher and Head of Care in a non-maintained residential special school in Newcastle; leading both the school and residential services to achieve outstanding Ofsted grades. She also worked for four years as an Ofsted Inspector before leaving headship and setting up a business with her husband: Education and Case Management Services. She currently offers independent advice to families, case managers, legal professionals and schools and works as part of multi-disciplinary teams to establish integrated education and therapy packages. She has specialist knowledge across a wide range of disabilities including hearing and visual impairment, ASD, PMLD and behavioural difficulties, and in particular, working with children with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) or Cerebral Palsy. Judith advises on how to implement legislation to establish Education, Health and Care Plans and supports individual packages at a practical level to ensure that education pathways are appropriate to the child or young person's needs.