

# Education Advisory Committee – Summary of experience

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## Introduction

This document briefly outlines the experience of our appointed external education advisory committee members.

### Safeguarding Education Advisor: Sherry Ralph

Sherry Ralph is the Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) a national charity leading, supporting and representing volunteers who monitor police custody across the UK. She also sits on the steering group for the United Kingdom National Preventive Mechanism, drawing together monitoring organisations for all types of detention in the UK to prevent ill-treatment. She has a Master's Degree in Human Rights Law from Birkbeck University, achieved in 2021.

Sherry has a long history of working in the criminal justice sector in particular with young people having worked in prisons, delivered contracts for prison leavers and been the Youth Services Manager for a charity offering services for gang affected young people. She has also held roles in housing allocations policy and contract management for a domestic violence service.

### Leadership & Management Education Advisor: John Parker

John Parker is a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge also with an MBA from City University (now Cass) Business School. Served 30 years with the Metropolitan Police retiring at the rank of Detective Chief Inspector before working as an advisor to the FCO.

Recently retired after 5 years as the Chief Executive for the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC). Now serving on the County Executive Committee of DAPTC and a committee of the National Association of Local Councils.

John was elected as a governor of North Dorset Salisbury NHS Trust in 2015 and is the observer governor for the Trust's Audit Committee, as well as sitting on the Constitution Committee, the Transport Strategy Group and the Sustainable Development Group.

### Quality of Education Advisor: Simon Linard

Simon is the Owner and Director of SL Training & Development.

Having worked in vocational training for nearly twenty years Simon is passionate about training Assessors, Teachers, Trainers and Quality Assurers. In 2011 he set up SL Training and Development as he felt there was a lack of specialist, good quality providers offer qualifications in teaching, assessment and quality assurance.

Simon has focused his experience and expertise in this area, with an aim to pass on his knowledge to people who work within training, assessment and quality assurance. He is passionate about the training he delivers and engages with every learner that undertakes a qualification with SL Training and Development.

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## **Former Student Advisor: Harry Wood**

Harry was a student at EMA (Moreton) from 2016 to 2018 where he was supported to undertake his GCSEs.

Prior to EMA, Harry had attended a number of different types of specialist schools which has given him a wide experience in how many schools and colleges treat and react to children and young adults with additional needs.

Since leaving EMA, Harry went onto achieve a Level 3 Equine Management Diploma before changing direction to become a fully qualified domestic, commercial, and main lines engineer with British Gas, progressing onto cover the Coventry region as a manager for specialist main lines faults. He has since moved on to work with Smart Metering Systems focussing on domestic installations.

## **External College Partner Advisor: Adrian Gunner**

Adrian is the Proprietor, owner, and Managing Director of SWRAC an Independent Specialist College with a similar profile to EMA in terms of educational activities, ethos and growth history. Adrian's first 'career' was in Waste Management for 23 years before he switched to education in 2002, his second career now for nearly 21 years. SWRAC started with 4 members of staff in 2002 and has grown to a staffing level of 83 operating over a wide geographic area of Dorset, Hampshire and Merseyside.

As part of a peer-company arrangement Adrian joins our EAC and Steve White joins the SWRAC Board. It is hoped that by working collaboratively both organisations can share experiences, work together politically all with the long-term aim of benefitting students from both organisations. It may also bring some shared activities to achieve economies of scale benefits.

Adrian brings with him the experiences of training and education and has navigated his organisation through 5 Ofsted inspections, all of which have resulted in overall 'Good' grades.

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