

Consultant A

Consultant A is a Senior Executive in Capita Strategic Children's Services with extensive experience working across the early years and primary age range. As a primary Headteacher she gained substantial experience of the primary and early years phases in both large urban and very small rural schools.

Since commencing work for Capita Strategic Children's Services, Consultant A has undertaken a wide range of interim leadership and management roles within LAs, mainly at chief or principal adviser levels. However she has always remained fully active within the front line of school improvement which has attracted positive comments from HMI regarding her work with schools in special measures. Placements have involved leadership of Advisory Teams including Early Years and Childcare, Ethnic Minority Achievement, Travellers Education Services and more recently Primary Strategy Manager roles. Consultant A's work has involved strategically building the leadership capacity of school improvement teams. Client feedback reflects her successful approach to this:-

"Within her role she had to link with other parts of the service and colleagues. Those colleagues invariably valued her input and obvious wide knowledge base as well as her ability to think and plan strategically."

"She had to plan work for a range of projects due to the nature of her role. Despite tight deadlines and projects running concurrently she was always able to deliver on time and in budget."

"One of Consultant A's strengths was her ability to successfully coach members of the team, including myself, and through quiet determination challenge everyone to develop further."

During interim periods of change within the National Strategies, she has undertaken the role of Senior Director to support the strategic leadership of the Primary National Strategy. More recently within the National Strategies, our consultant has worked in two regional teams as a Senior School Improvement Officer and Regional Adviser providing challenge and support to a total of 26 LAs over these two regions. She is currently working in a local authority as a Primary Strategy Manager .

Consultant A's key strengths are her knowledge of school improvement and her effective leadership in reaching sustainable outcomes.