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QUALIFICATIONS

Doctor of Philosophy; Bar Vocational Course; Graduate Diploma in Law; MSc Social Work; BSc (Hons) Sociology.

EXPERTISE

Kim practised as a Social Worker and Children's Guardian for over 20 years, in the North West of England. Kim was appointed as Head of Department at the University of Bradford in 2004, before moving to Northumbria University in 2013, as Head of Department for Social Work, Education and Community Wellbeing.

Kim was awarded a Personal Chair at [Northumbria University](#) in 2014.

Kim was called to the Bar in 2005, and she continues a career in Child Protection and Family Law that spans over 30 years.

Kim has been involved in Serious Case Reviews as a chair, author and committee member for 32 years. Kim was a member of the Safeguarding Board in Bradford for 11 years before joining the Safeguarding Board in Newcastle where she is a member of the Serious Case Review Committee.

Kim is currently working together with colleagues at Northumbria University, and a range of stakeholders on a research project examining the effectiveness of public inquiries into historical allegations of child abuse.

Kim was recently appointed to the Board of Governors at Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Mental Health Trust. Kim's specific interest is improving the health and wellbeing of children, and access to a range of services that meet the needs of both children and their families.

Kim continues to publish extensively in the area of Family Law.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- Holt, K. (2019) A Focus on Law: Child Protection, Palgrave.
- Holt, K. (2016) Contemporary Family Justice: Policy and Practice in Child Protection Decisions. Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
- Holt, K. (2014) Child Protection. Palgrave.

Chapters



Expertise

Family - Public Law & Children

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- Holt, K. (2022) Child Protection Legislation in Emergency Situations. The Child Protection Handbook 4th Edition. Edited by Clawson, R., Fyson, R and Warwick, L Elsevier.
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Published Papers

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