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About

Kathryn Farrow is programme director for the MA in Advanced Practice (Leadership and Management in Social Work/Social Care). She has responsibility for running the Leadership and Management Seminar Series provided as part of the University of Birmingham's Public Service Academy.

Kathryn is a qualified and HCPC registered social worker and provides practice tutoring and support for the MA and BA qualifying social work programmes. Her research interests include young adults, youth justice, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Qualifications

- MSc in Criminal Justice Management 2003
- Certification of Qualification for Social Work; Diploma in Social Administration and Social Work (University of Manchester) 1980
- Diploma in Social Administration and Social Work (University of Manchester) 1980
- BSc (Hons) in Manaagement Sciences, (UMIST) 1977

Biography

Kathryn worked for the Probation Service for 24 years as a practitioner and a manager and has extensive knowledge and experience of criminal justice management and practice. Prior to working for the University, she was a Senior Family Court Welfare Officer managing a team providing reports and support services to children and families.

Kathryn joined the University in September 2001 contributing to a wide range of professional and undergraduate programmes within IASS.

Teaching

Kathryn's teaching areas are social work management, supervision and practice development. Kathryn is the module coordinator for the Creating and Maintaining Partnerships in Social Care and Health' which has a particular emphasis on developing the skills to collaborates effectively with other professionals and organisations and also with service users and carers.

Kathryn is the Programme Director for the MA Advanced Practice (Leadership and Management in Social Work/Care) and contributes to a number of modules on this programme.

Postgraduate supervision

- Practice tutoring for MA/BA Social Work practice placements
- Masters dissertations on Social Work management, Community Safety and Anti Social Behaviour and Youth Justice.

Research

Kathryn has worked jointly with colleagues on a number of research projects into anti-social behaviour and civil renewal particularly with a view to evaluating the impact of interventions and services for victims and complainants.

Kathryn has recently undertaken research into the 'involvement of service users and carers in post qualifying social work management education'.

Other activities

Following on from the completion of a literature review in 2011 on 'Maturity, Young Adults and Criminal Justice' for the Barrow Cadbury Trust for the Transition to Adulthood Alliance, Kathryn has been working with colleagues to develop a maturity guide for probation practitioners. The guide entitled 'Taking Account of Maturity' was launched in July 2013.

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