

## Megan Walsh

Keyworker Administrator



I have worked as an administrator for more than five years including at Julian House homeless charity and Knightstone Housing.

I studied Sociology at university and love interacting with lots of different people. I love to travel and see new places. I especially like surfing and I am attempting to learn the saxophone in my spare time.

## Marcus Tyler

Keyworker



I have more than 15 years' experience supporting learners with additional needs and autism.

I have delivered training for professionals in Equality and Diversity, Disability Awareness and Understanding Autism.

I enjoy going running, playing football and surfing. I also like to be creative, drawing and painting murals.

### How do I contact the Keyworker team?

You can call us on 0117 900 2507 or email us at [bnssg.keyworkerteam@nhs.net](mailto:bnssg.keyworkerteam@nhs.net)

## Emily Mayes

Keyworker



My professional background has mainly been working in educational settings. For the last 3 years my focus has been in supporting individuals with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and/or Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH).

I have studied a part-Masters in Motivational Interviewing and have worked as a Social Prescriber for the Bristol Autism Spectrum Service (BASS), where I helped adults to engage with the local community through their chosen areas of interest.

I really like spending time outside, climbing mountains or going on strolls in ancient forests. I have 2 cats and being around animals makes me happy. I also recently took up boxing.

## Andrew Powell

Senior Keyworker



I have worked for over 25 years working with people who have autism and learning disabilities, helping them find their own solutions and ensuring they get the right support from health, education and social care. I also currently work for Diverse UK - a local organisation that runs activities for and by autistic and neurodiverse people.

I love football and doing stuff with my children. I also enjoy being by the sea or out in the countryside.



## Keyworker Team

## What is a Keyworker?

Someone who will spend some time getting to know you and your family:

- Identify gaps in support provision
- Organise support networks surrounding you and your family, a support network may include anyone who supports your family, for example, grandparents, uncles.
- Be a point of contact for you and your family in navigating the system(s)
- Ensure you are being included and informed
- Ensure that you get timely access to the right personalised support
- Advocate for you and your family where necessary and when is needed
- Break down the barriers to you accessing support
- Provide emotional and practical support
- Keyworkers do not replace or duplicate any other professional role.

### Nigel Collins

Keyworker

I spent four years in the Royal Marines and travelled and worked abroad before returning to the UK and teaching.

I have taught in several settings for more than 20 years, including: mainstream; social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) schools; autistic spectrum condition (ASC) and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Friendships and people are important to me, I also love pets and what they bring to our lives. I love exercise and literature and have been known to write poetry when the muse takes me.



### Zoe McIntyre

Keyworker

I have worked with young people and their families for six years, especially with those experiencing trauma and mental health challenges.

I have worked in many different areas of support, such as a school, a charity, the council and now the NHS. I love reading and playing video games. I also love animals, especially dogs and pigs!



## Can I choose my Keyworker?

You will be matched based on your geographical location, needs, interests, skills and the knowledge of the Keyworker and preferred attributes. If you'd like to change your Keyworker, let us know.

### Louisa Jennings

Keyworker Team Lead

I have a Masters in Autism and more than 20 years' experience of working with children and young people.

I have worked in the NHS, mental health services, residential Services and for various charities, all with people with autism or learning disabilities. I love my job!

I have a daughter and a little dog (both are cheeky) and I love my 80's disco dancing class.



## What difference will a Keyworker make?

Examples of support a Keyworker will provide include:

- Helping you to feel safe and happy
- Helping you to feel listened to and involved
- Helping you to reach your goals
- Helping you with education
- Helping you access mental health support services if needed
- Linking you with other services

## Who is a Keyworker for?

If you have Autism and/or a Learning Disability and a high level of need, you may be offered a Keyworker.

### Abigail Jones

Keyworker

Over the last eight years I have worked in a variety of special educational needs settings including farms, schools and even a placement in Sri Lanka.

I am a neurodiversity advocate and have come from being a Career Navigator for the We Work for Everyone programme. I have a background working with young people with special educational needs, autism, a disability, or mental health issue.

I am a positive and creative person who loves to experience new things, I adore to learn and try to always stay curious. I enjoy being in natural environments and keeping active. I actively participate in looking into holistic approaches to learning and self-development.

