



## **Jo Ratcliffe**

Jo has been involved in social care with children and families for 20 years, qualifying as a social worker in 1996. She has had a varied career from direct child protection work, care proceedings and working with looked after children to children's participation work.

She also has experience as a Family Group Conference Co-ordinator and manager. In 2004 she was awarded the post graduate certificate in adult education and since such time has delivered multi-agency and single agency training, largely focussing on child protection.

She currently works for Swindon Borough Council as Practice Development Manager, this role is very varied and includes working with social workers directly concerning issues of practice, she is an adoption panel member, chairs the Family and Friends panel and has a policy and social work practice development responsibility.