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Highly experienced, post-graduate qualified editor and proofreader since 2018, working with companies including Scribendi, Stickler, Enago, Cactus, Cambridge University Press and Cambridge Scholars, with excellent literacy and numeracy skills. Particular specialisms include ICT, information sciences, earth sciences, and working with ESL clients to enhance their publications.

EXPERIENCE

SEPT 2018 – PRESENT

FREELANCE COPY EDITOR/PROOFREADER

In 2018, I made the decision to take up copy editing and proofreading full time, and since then, I have been a successful editor and proofreader for a range of academic and non-academic clients. I have edited well over a million words for Scribendi (achieving Supernova status), and completed work for Cactus, Enago, Stickler, and many private clients, as well as copy editing books for Cambridge Scholars, Cambridge University Press and a number of small independent publishers.

I have particular strengths in working with ESL clients to improve the grammar and readability of their publications, offering them valuable insight into not only *what* could be improved, but importantly *how* and *why*, providing recommendations wherever possible.

JUN 2017 – SEPT 2018

SERVICE TRANSFORMATION LEAD, BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD

Service Transformation Lead for BCU, spanning the whole of north Wales and including three large district general hospitals. Owing to the nature of healthcare delivery in Wales, health boards are responsible for the delivery of all elements of care, from primary and secondary care through to community services. Consequently, my role encompassed not only acute care but also interfaced with primary and community care as well as supporting services such as local optometrist networks and therapies teams.

Key deliverables included large-scale transformation work in areas such as looking at the whole system approach for eye care service delivery in north Wales and the establishment of a specialist elective orthopaedic centre.

APR 2016 – JUN 2017

HEAD OF PERFORMANCE AND INFORMATION, MID CHESHIRE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Key responsibilities included being the senior information professional within the Trust, as well as taking a lead role in monitoring performance and working with managers and clinicians on areas needing improvement. I worked closely with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to provide performance assurance and deliver an information improvement schedule covering clinical coding, informatics, and finance.

Additionally, I was the north west England regional specialist on demand and capacity planning, a specialism which I carried through my career for many years and which formed the basis of my master's dissertation while working for the Welsh Ambulance Service.

NOV 2014 – APR 2016

NATIONAL ICT PROGRAMME LEAD, WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE

Responsible for the delivery of the Trust's national ICT programme, including the rollout of a number of key, high-impact projects such as a replacement computer aided dispatch (CAD) system, digital pen technology, mobile communications for community first responders, and a major planning and prediction software implementation.

Utilising PRINCE2 and MSP methodologies, I undertook the full scope of project and programme management functions, including budget management (involving the management of multi-million-pound projects), resource management, project planning, and benefits realisation.

NOV 2008 – NOV 2014

INFORMATION MANAGER, WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE

Managed the Information Management team within the Welsh Ambulance Service. My team of analysts and senior analysts was responsible for all information provision to internal and external stakeholders, including the Executive Board, management teams, Welsh Assembly Government, members of parliament, and members of the public. I was the service lead on information provision and project manager for information project implementations, including the Trust's data warehouse and the rollout of the Trust's geographic information system.

Additionally, I sat on a range of Trust and external strategic groups, including being the UK's health sector representative on the Ordnance Survey User Group.

EDUCATION

JUN 2018

DIPLOMA IN EDITING AND PROOFREADING, CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Course successfully completed with Distinction.

JUN 2011

**MASTERS IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, CITY UNIVERSITY,
LONDON**

Graduated with Merit, obtaining a Distinction for my final dissertation, which was based on dynamic ambulance deployment to optimise response times. This study drew interest nationally, and I presented the approach and findings at a number of national conferences. Furthermore, the Welsh Ambulance Service adopted the approach in one of their most challenged areas for response time and saw an improvement in eight-minute response by over 10%.

1996

A-LEVEL CHEMISTRY AND GEOGRAPHY, BLACKBURN COLLEGE

1991

BTEC NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN SCIENCES, BLACKBURN COLLEGE

1988

GCSE, SHADSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL, BLACKBURN

8 GCSE passes including English, maths, and three sciences.

SKILLS

- Excellent levels of literacy and numeracy
- Eye for detail, consistency, and accuracy
- Working to challenging, often conflicting, deadlines
- Excellent communication skills
- Extensive professional and academic experience
- Long-term experience of working with ESL clients

ACTIVITIES

With over 20 years of experience working at a senior level in the fields of ICT and information management, I have developed a wide breadth of skills and knowledge that I bring to my work. Considered a leading specialist in informatics at a national level, I temper this with strong, effective leadership and management skills.

I have worked in the development, production, evaluation, and checking of reports for much of my career, where factual accuracy, consistency, timeliness, and clarity were all essential in the delivery of information to a wide range of stakeholders and audiences.

As an excellent speaker and writer of English, I offer a high quality, professional, and courteous editing and proofreading service to my clients, which is tailored to their specific needs. In particular, I have extensive experience working with ESL clients to improve their manuscripts and prepare them to publication standard.