



About Bright Family Pathways Ltd Independent Social Work and Family Assessment Services

1. Our Purpose

Bright Family Pathways Ltd was established to provide independent, evidence-based social work services to children and families involved in family court proceedings and related processes. The service was developed in response to an identified need for assessments and interventions that are child-focused, analytically robust, and professionally independent, supporting fair and informed decision-making.

We recognise that social work involvement often occurs at times of heightened complexity and emotional strain for children and families. Our purpose is to offer clarity, balance, and professional rigour through work that is grounded in statutory guidance, evidence-based practice, and ethical standards.

2. Why We Exist

Bright Family Pathways Ltd was created to address the need for:

- Clear, objective assessments that assist the court
- Professional social work analysis rather than opinion or advocacy
- Child-centred practice that meaningfully considers children's lived experiences
- Independent services delivered with integrity and accountability

Our work is informed by the professional ethics and values of the British Association of Social Workers (BASW) and Social Work England, including independence, integrity, respect, and professional judgement.

3. Our Services

We provide the following services:

Independent Social Work Assessments

- Section 7 reports (Children Act 1989)



- Parenting capacity assessments
- Risk assessments
- Addendum and updating reports

Direct Work with Children

- Child-focused direct work to ascertain wishes and feelings
- Age-appropriate tools and evidence-based assessment models
- Feedback summaries suitable for court

Supervised Contact Services (Community-Based)

- Supervised child contact in the community
- Observation and recording of contact sessions
- Factual contact reports
- Structured and supported contact where appropriate

4. Private and Court Instructions

We accept instructions from:

- Family solicitors
- Courts
- Local Authorities
- Direct private referrals (where appropriate)

All reports are completed within agreed timescales and in line with Family Court standards and expectations.

Across all areas of practice, we are committed to delivering work that is proportionate, transparent, and evidence-based, ensuring that analysis is clearly reasoned and accessible to those relying upon it.

Supervised contact and direct work are delivered with clear professional boundaries, safeguarding awareness, and sensitivity to the needs of children and families, providing safe and structured engagement where oversight or careful planning is required.



5. Professional Standards and Independence

Bright Family Pathways Ltd operates as an **Independent Social Work service**. Our practitioners are appropriately qualified and experienced, working in line with legislation, statutory guidance, and professional standards.

We maintain independence from all parties and do not act in an advocacy role. Our focus remains on careful assessment, observation, and analysis to support understanding and informed outcomes, with the welfare of the child as the central consideration.

6. Our Commitment

We are committed to:

- Ethical and transparent practice
- Child-centred decision-making
- Respectful and proportionate engagement
- Safeguarding children and families
- Continuous reflection and learning

Bright Family Pathways Ltd recognises the responsibility that comes with contributing to decisions that affect children's lives. We approach this work with care, professionalism, and a clear sense of purpose.