

## Sam Bougourd - Acting Senior Educational Psychologist

**Who am I:** I am Sam Bougourd, an Acting Senior Educational Psychologist working here in North Somerset. I have been qualified as an Educational Psychologist since graduating from the Exeter training programme in 2018.

Before joining North Somerset in 2021, I worked in other local educational psychology services in the South West. Outside of work, I enjoy being outside, playing sport, music, reading and film. I am also a governor at a local First School.



**What do I do:** In our service, I hold responsibility for our traded schools work (which is work outside of our statutory duties) and commissions. Working with our Impact Analyst, I am also responsible for quality assurance processes for our work across the service. In addition to my senior role and responsibilities, I carry out statutory assessments and schools work in a patch of schools across the local area.

**What is important to me:** Before I trained as a psychologist, I worked in several special schools in Bristol and since qualifying I have continued to support special schools as part of my Educational Psychologist work. Inclusion is important to me and I value working with young people in specialist settings to support them and those that work closely with them, to help them to work towards being independent and a part of their local community in the future.

