Job Description and Person Specification Profile

Job Title	Residential Child Care Worker
Job ID	D39
Service	Children's Services
Grade	F
Reporting to	Registered Manager/Deputy Manager

The Role

Department: **Children's services**

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Post Objective(s): **To be part of a team caring for children and young people in a residential setting, provide a high standard of childcare in a stable and relaxed environment.**

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1. To provide a safe, secure and accepting environment for children in the care of the home appropriate to their age, understanding and identifying needs.

2. To maintain communication with staff over all aspects of children/young people's care, progress and behaviour and maintain appropriate records.

3. To undertake direct childcare tasks as required.

4. To ensure that all children are encouraged to reach towards their full potential, and to support the child and young people experiencing short breaks and CFC placements at the home in a sensitive, positive and caring manner.

5. To maintain and support each child's meaningful relationships and links outside the home. To undertake keyworker/link worker roles with the child and their family.

6. To ensure that the wishes and feelings of the children are considered in matters and decisions relating to their daily care, appropriate to their age and understanding.

7. To respect and promote the needs of each child arising from their racial, cultural and religious background.

8. To work on a flex duty rota including shift work, waken nights and sleep in duty as required, and Bank holiday working.

9. To maintain appropriate records on each child and be responsible for the presentation of written material to reviews and case conferences in respect of their key child.

10. To act as senior member of staff in the absence of the manager, including shift leading and making appropriate decisions regarding house management in the absence of the manager.

11. To Undertake such other duties in line with the home and the grade and responsibilities of a childcare worker.

The duties may vary from time to time without changing the nature of the post or the level of responsibility, and the post holder may also be required to carry out any other duties appropriate to the grading of the post.

About You

Your essential qualifications

Personal requirements of a successful postholder	**Category**
1 Educational Standard/Qualifications/Membership of Professional Institutions (indicate grade)	
CSS or CQSW or Dip. SW	D
ICSC or similar	D
Good standard of General Education	E
*NVQ Level 3 - Caring for Children and Young People or equivalent	

***This post is subject to the requirements of Care Standards Act 2000. All residential child-care staff to have achieved/working towards obtaining NVQ Level 3 in Caring for Children and Young People. Following achievement of the award, staff will then be included on the general Social Care Council G.S.C.C. Professionals Register.**

2. Specialised Training	
Any relevant training courses relating to child-care practice	E
First Aid	D
Child Protection Procedures	E
Relationship & Sexuality Issues	E
Child Development	E
Challenging Behaviour	E
3. Experience	
To be able to work in a residential care setting	E
Previous experience of caring for children & Young People	E
4. Key Skills	
Counselling	D
Management of young people	E
Report writing	E

	Problem solving	E
	Communication skills	E
5.	**Key Knowledge**	
	Human growth and development	E
	Adolescent behavioural management	E
	First Aid	D
6.	**Key Aptitudes and Personal Qualities**	
	Warm friendly, accepting, patient	E
	Ability to set meaningful boundaries for children/young people	E
	Team player	E
	Ability to motivate children and young people	E
	Able to represent the department	E
	Any interest in outdoor activities	E
	Ability to recognise and manage own stress levels	E

For Information:

Category

(E) Essential Requirement without which the candidate would be unable to carry out the duties of the post.

(D) Desirable Features which would normally enable the successful candidate to perform the duties and tasks better and more efficiently than one who did not have the qualifications, training, experience, etc.

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- A fair salary and benefits
- Opportunities for good health and wellbeing
- Help you to grow, develop and to do your best
- Enable you to be creative and innovative
- Fully involve you in changes that affect you and your work
- Listen, and act on your ideas and feedback

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