
Your job

Job Title: Keeping Families Together Practitioner

Service: Childrens Social Care – Family Time Team

Grade: G6

Reporting to: Val Bates

The family time team is a busy child and family focused team; you will be working with children from the age of 0 – 18 and their birth families to ensure that supervised family time is a positive experience.

You will work closely with the Family Safeguarding Teams, Fostering Teams and the Adoption Teams.

You will complete life story books for each child that is allocated to you.

You will work with and support each family individually, this may include parenting support and advice, housing support, domestic abuse support & linking in with substance misuse services and health partners.

You will write an accurate report following each family time session you supervise.

You will be expected to write statements for court and may be required to attend court.

You will be required to use Liquid Logic to record your work, this is an electronic recording system used by Childrens Social Care.

You will be supported to build your skills in respect of dealing with challenging behaviour from children & adults.

You will have access to a comprehensive training package.

Mandatory Statement

The Council is committed to complying with European General Data Protection regulations (UKGDPR) and meeting the requirements of the Information Commissioner's office (regulating data protection compliance in the UK). It is your responsibility to ensure that the work you undertake is compliant with the General Data Protection regulations.

Wigan Council is an active, strong, and committed corporate parent. As a priority, all employees have a responsibility towards the children we look after and care leavers, not just those employed by the Children's Directorate.

In this job you will:

In the next 12 months, you will:

On an ongoing basis you will:

- Support children, young people and their families where family breakdown has occurred for a variety of reasons.
- Transport, supervise and facilitate family time.
- Escort or accompany children, young people and their families for interview, appointment and transition into care as required.
- Undertake the agreed programme of work in a variety of settings, which will include the centre/workplace, the local community, other establishments including the families, and /or the young people's own home.
- Keep up-to-date, accurate records of the work undertaken with children, young people and their families. This may include the writing up of assessment reports for the referring agency.
- Chair family time planning meetings & reviews.
- Attend and contribute to Child Looked After Reviews & Care Planning Meetings by way of verbal presentation and the presentation of reports.
- Provide written reports, attend and give evidence in court as and when required.
- Have the necessary skills and ability to formulate, assess and implement programmes of direct work with children and families.

Ensure you operate within GDPR guidelines by regularly reviewing data held and destroying information in line with retention schedules

In this job you will need:

You must be able to demonstrate the following essential requirements:

- The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check
- Level 3 health and Social Care or equivalent is a minimum essential qualification
- You must be able to work flexibly within the hours of 7am – 7pm
- You must have the ability to travel throughout Greater Manchester
- You must be willing to transport children & families when required

Our Culture

For us, it's not just about all we achieve as an organisation, but how we do it. Therefore, all employees are expected to display our **TeamWigan** behaviours.

Be Positive	“ Take pride in all that you do and support and develop yourself and others. ”
Be Accountable	“ Be responsible for making things better, enabling change and supporting improvement. ”
Be Courageous	“ Be open to doing things differently and working collaboratively with others. ”
Be Kind	“ Be helpful, generous and thoughtful towards yourself and others. ”