Working in Wigan Family Safeguarding Teams

The Family Safeguarding Service in Wigan consists of ten teams who work locality based across the borough.

Family Safeguarding a multi-agency partnership way of working to ensure the families that we are working with can access the right support at the right time and all of our practitioners are trained in the use of motivational interviewing. Motivational Interviewing is a way of holding collaborative conversations exploring change and is a strengths based, relational way of working with our families support positive working relationships with an open and honest approach. Feedback from parents of this way of working is really positive and demonstrated with positive outcomes.

Based within each team is a team manager, advanced practitioner, social workers, keeping families together workers and a business support officer. As we build our multi agency component our teams have support from specialist practitioners who support where there are issues around domestic abuse, substance use and mental health. The multi-agency aspect of Family Safeguarding means you will know these practitioners as they sit within the teams enabling you to access support and advice as you need it.

Within your role you will be focussed on building positive working relationships with families working purposefully to support families to move on from statutory intervention. You will have great skills to work with families, getting to know them and understanding what their daily life looks like.

Focussing with families on identifying what is going well and their strengths will enable you to build trusting, compassionate relationships evidencing that you see the whole family and not just the presenting issues. You will be motivated in empowering children and families to support them to reach and maintain their goals focussing on what they would like their futures to look like.

You will be ambitious for our families and support them to succeed. From the outset you will build relationships with the family and also their extended family / friends' network to ensure there is a support around. We know all families require support at times and recognising this is key in building sustainable ways of supporting.

You will work with a range of practitioners across the partnership to support families to compile and engage with their own plans which meet their needs and support them in doing so.

Apply to join Wigan's Family Safeguarding Teams today!

