

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	EDT Approved Mental Health Professional
GRADE	P08
REPORTING TO	Team Manager
JD REF	PC0148P (B)

PURPOSE

The post holder will be an Emergency Duty Team social worker, ensuring that an effective and efficient service is provided to children, young people and vulnerable adults who require an emergency response. Assist the Team Manager in ensuring that the Service's organisational standards are maintained and developed.

Commensurate with demonstrable level of practice and continued professional development and within the standards of conduct, performance and ethics as described by Social Work England ensuring compliance with legal, organisational and multiagency requirements, work autonomously within a multidisciplinary team, carrying out assessments on a statutory and non-statutory basis of adults, families, young people and children who may require assessment under legislation pertaining to Mental Health, Mental Capacity, Children, Young People and Disability.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Act in the role of an Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) as defined by the Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended by the Mental Health Act 2007) and to meet the requirements laid down by 'The Mental Health (Approved Mental Health Professionals) (Approval) (England) Regulations 2008'. Comply with all relevant legislation and act in accordance with local authority policies and procedures.
- Carry out the duties of a Child Protection Social Worker operating under the auspices of section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and duties in respect of vulnerable adults as provisional under the Care Act 2014
- Undertake initial emergency statutory assessments of individuals and their carers need for social, psychological, and physical care through a process of collaborative negotiation, which allows them as fully as possible to plan, implement and evaluate integrated packages of care and identifies existing and potential support in their social networks. Arrange supplementary specialist assessments when necessary. Respond to statutory requests under the Mental Health Act (MHA) 1983, the Care Act 2014, Mental Capacity Act 2005, Children Act 1989 and other relevant legislation; to take other necessary statutory or other action in relation to the liberty or safety of service users, including in emergency situations, liaising with other agencies as necessary.

- Arrange and co-ordinate the process of assessments under the Mental Health Act, 1983 and other relevant legislation; adhering to legislative requirements and Codes of Practice, including applying to a court for warrant to enter specific premises and remove a patient if necessary to a hospital or other place of safety to allow for the assessment to take place; applications for detention in hospital, or where required to engage in procedures under section 47 of the Children Act and Working Together to safeguard children and young people who appear to be at immediate risk of harm.
- Engage with other agencies and lead with the protection of vulnerable adults who appear at risk of harm.
- Record contemporaneously the account of their work, enabling the successful transfer to the appropriate team for further action.
- Attend court when required and act as a representative for the local authority in court proceedings, statutory panels and with other agencies.
- Developed expertise in one or more areas of practice, and familiar with local resources and be recognised by peers as a source of reliable knowledge and advice.
- Work independently and demonstrate an ability to adapt their approach to more complex cases.
- Maintain a working knowledge of Children's, Young People's, Adult and Mental Health legislation commensurate with urgent situations that arise.
- Ensure all calls are dealt with in a courteous, timely and efficient manner ensuring dignity and respect to all service users.

ROLE SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Qualifications:

- Social work qualification e.g. Degree in Social Work; DipSW or equivalent.
- Experienced Social Worker.
- Approved Mental Health Professional qualified or the ability and desire to train as one.
- Be registered with Social Work England and able to evidence this.
- Some working knowledge of Child Protection Procedures and/or working knowledge of

Knowledge & Skills:

- Knowledge of legislation relevant to Child Protection, Adult Protection and Mental Health:
- Mental Health Act 1983 (MHA) and/or the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA).
- Care Act 2014 Children Act 1989 and Working Together and knowledge of UK legislation relevant to Children and Families.
- Able to demonstrate legally compliant practice.
- Understanding of confidentiality and data protection requirements.
- Knowledge and application of locally agreed current policies and procedures.
- Able to communicate verbally and in writing with a range of people including nonspecialists.
- Able to demonstrate good organisational, case recording and report writing skills.



- Awareness of current practice issues and challenges facing Social Workers
- Commitment to anti-discriminatory practice.
- Able to work with individuals, families, carers/carers groups, irrespective of their circumstances and background.
- Must be willing to move across teams according to the needs of the service.
- Able to demonstrate practice which complies with professional standards and organisational codes of practice.
- Sound assessment and interviewing skills.
- Understanding of local resources, and the need to arrange packages of support in accordance with statutory requirements and eligibility criteria.

An understanding of and an ability to deliver excellent customer service and to work in partnership with individuals, families, carers/carers groups, colleagues in the council and partner agencies.

Experience:

- Experience of working with vulnerable individuals and families.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Qualifications:

- Relevant post-qualifying/vocational training courses.

Experience:

- Experience of working with carers.
- Experience of working in a Local Authority setting.
- Experience of working with Health colleagues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The postholder must be able to travel across the borough

Able to work outside traditional hours, of a weekend and evening as required, adopting an agile working approach in response to business requirements.

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APPROVED BY: ELIZABETH HARTLEY, AD – EARLY HELP & PREVENTION.

