Knowsley Council

Job description			
Job title	Qualified Teacher of Vision Impairment		
Grade	MPS- UPS3 SEN Max -holder of Mandatory Qualification (MQ) SEN min - if in training for MQ		
Directorate	Children's Services		
Service/team	Hearing and Vision Specialist Service (HaVSS)		
Accountable to	Service Manager HaVSS		
Responsible for	Working with the service manager and specialist colleagues to provide high quality support and advice for children and young people with vision impairment.		
JE Reference		**Date Reviewed**	

Purpose of the Job

As a Qualified Teacher of Vision Impairment (QTVI) you will be responsible for delivering high quality specialist advice, teaching and support to children and young people with a vision impairment and their families, aged 0-25 years.

The role is peripatetic, and the service is Borough wide.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. As a QTVI you will hold the Mandatory Teacher of Vision Impairment qualification (MQ) having excellent understanding of vision impairment and its impact on a child's learning and have wide-ranging experience of supporting across the age-range 0-25 yrs, including teaching and supporting Braille users.

2. You will hold a caseload, providing specialist teaching, advice and resources to vision impaired children, young people (CYP) and their families.

3. You will support parents/carers of vision impaired babies in their home /Early Years setting, supporting and monitoring their development

using nationally recognised resources and providing advice and support in the transition into school.

4. You will promote and support the inclusion of CYP within their local mainstream schools/settings, working with them to develop their capacity to support and meet the individual needs within that placement.

5. You will assess the functional vision of CYP with a vision impairment in liaison with health professionals, to support parents and school staff in the implementation of strategies to facilitate access to the curriculum and independent learning.

6. You will guide the work of other education professionals through ongoing specialist advice, coaching and modelling of inclusive practice and delivery of specialist training.

7. You will teach aspects of the specialist curriculum alongside implementing assistive technology and supporting the wellbeing and independence of VI CYP in conjunction with other service members such as specialist support assistants and mobility officer.

8. You will actively engage in CPD, which you will share with colleagues to ensure the service remains informed of current best practice.

9. You will have the ability to work closely with other teams within Knowsley such as Portage, Social Care, and with local and national external agencies such as clinicians in Alder Hey and St Helen's and partners in the charity sector.

This is not a comprehensive list of all the tasks which may be required of the post holder. It is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the work to be undertaken.

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Knowsley Better Together – Staff Qualities

Health and Safety

- To use equipment as instructed and trained.
- To inform management of any health and safety issues which could place individuals at risk.

Data Protection and Information Security

- Implement and act in accordance with the Information Security Acceptable Use Policy, Data Protection Policy and GDPR.
- Protect the Council's information assets from unauthorised access, disclosure, modification, destruction or interference.
- Report actual or potential security incidents.