

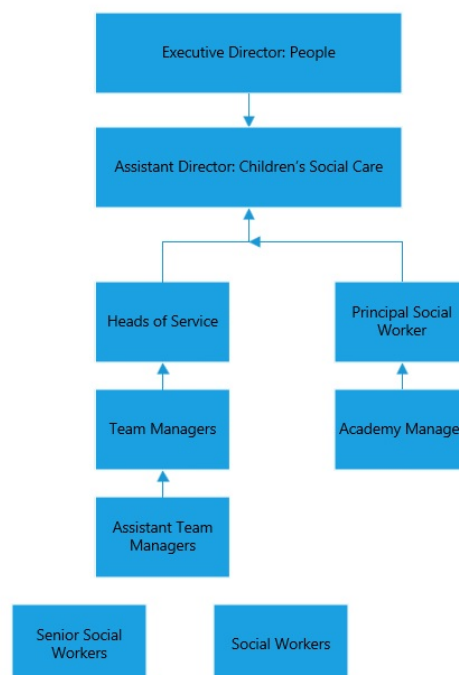
Job description

Job title:	Social Worker – Children Services		
Directorate:	People	Salary Package:	£46,783 - £48,873 p.a. Including; £729 London Weighting, £963 Essential car User Additional Payments: Welcome Payment £6,000 Retention Payment 4%, after 2 years continuous service
Section:	Children's Social Care	Grade:	BG-F, SCP 34 - 36
Location:	Time Square	Work style:	Flexible

Key objectives of the role

- To work as a member of one of our OFSTED Outstanding social care teams and contribute to the provision of a social work service for Children and Families ensuring children's views are heard.
- To work within the context of relevant legislation and deliver services according to the department's policies, procedures and guidelines.
- To display a commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people.

Designation of post and position within departmental structure



Daily and monthly responsibilities

1. To manage a caseload and deliver assessment, care planning, interventions, and family support.
2. Develop and implement effective safeguarding plans to protect children and young people from harm.
3. Ensure children's and young people's voices are heard, recorded and acted on, to ensure life journey work is completed with children and young people according to their age and understanding.
4. To work in partnership with voluntary and statutory agencies, to deliver appropriate and effective plans.
5. To take part in the team duty system responding to child protection concerns.
6. To develop and maintain accurate case records and comply with the department's policies, procedures and guidelines including data protection and GDPR.
7. To participate in regular reflective supervision and be able to set clear goals and intervention strategies.
8. To make effective use of time and be able to prioritise workload.
9. To develop and maintain accurate case records and comply with the department's policies, procedures and guidelines including security of information.
10. To promote listening to children at every opportunity; ensuring their views are heard, recorded and acted upon in an appropriate and timely manner and to ensure life journey work is completed with children and young people in accordance with their age and understanding.
11. To aspire in everything you do, these are our ASPIRE priorities:
 - a. Always respect timeliness
 - b. Smart impactive planning
 - c. Purposeful visits to families
 - d. Impactful, collaborative assessments
 - e. Reflective supervision
 - f. Engaging with children – Always ask yourself “what is life like for this child?”
12. To ensure access to translation and interpretation services as necessary.
13. To contribute to the development of services to children and families by attending and contributing positively to team meetings to promote the delivery of integrated and effective services for children in need and in need of protection in accordance with statutory responsibilities and council policies using best value principles.
14. To provide cover for the work of other team members and other additional duties commensurate with the level of the job. (The nature of these will vary according to experience, competencies and the grade of the post).

Scope of role

Working within the policy and legislative framework of children's social care.

All employees working with children, young people and vulnerable adults:
have a responsibility for safeguarding and promoting their welfare;
must demonstrate a commitment to the principles of participatory practice and the involvement of young people in decisions which affect them.

This is not a budget holding post, but an understanding of the appropriate use of public funds is desirable.

Commitment to the Council's Equal Opportunities policy at all times.

Commitment to working within the bounds of the Data Protection Act and GDPR legislation at all times.

Such other duties as may from time to time be necessary, compatible with the nature of the post. It should be noted that the above list of main duties and responsibilities is not necessarily a complete statement of the final duties of the post. It is intended to give an overall view of the position and should be taken as guidance only.

Person specification

Key criteria	Essential	Desirable
Skills and qualifications	BSc/MA in Social Work or equivalent	P Q Training in Children and Families
	Social Work England Registration (or in process) ASYE completion	Experience in working with Children and Families in fieldwork setting Post qualifying experience and training including Child Protection and Children Looked After Practice Educator or working towards
Competence summary (Knowledge, abilities, skills, experience)	Understanding of and commitment to the requirements of safeguarding children, young people, vulnerable adults and promoting their welfare	Court experience
	Understanding of the Children Act 1989 / 2004, and the Children and Families Act 2014	Negotiating skills
	Experience in working with children and young people with disabilities and their families	Creative problem-solving skills
	Understanding of working within policies and procedures	Experience in working with children and young people at risk of exploitation
	Understanding of the principles of participatory practice with children and young people	
	Skills to support the "requirement to listen to children, ensuring their views are heard and acted upon appropriately"	
	Ability to give clear written and verbal accounts	
	Assessment skills	
	Ability to formulate care plans and risk assessments and meet deadlines	
	ICT skills	
Experience of working with a range of agencies		

Work-related Personal Requirements	<p>The post holder must hold a full UK driving licence (or valid equivalent). Non-UK licences must be converted to UK licences in the first six months of employment.</p> <p>Commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the protection and safeguarding of children and young people – the principles of participatory practice with children and young people – the principles of partnership with parents – equal opportunities and Anti-Discriminatory Practice <p>Proactive</p> <p>Self-motivated</p> <p>Ability to work as part of a team</p>
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Other work requirements	<p>A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974</p> <p>The ability to converse easily in spoken English, explain complex or technical information to members of the public and respond effectively to detailed or complex questions for an extended period of time.</p> <p>Able to work outside office hours on occasions.</p>
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Role models and demonstrates the Council's values and behaviours	<p>Our values define who we are. They outline what is important to us. They influence the way we work with each other – and the way we serve our residents and engage with our communities.</p> <p>We make our values real by demonstrating them in how we behave every day.</p>
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All staff should hold a duty and commitment to observing the Council's Equality and Dignity at Work policy at all times. Duties must be carried out in accordance with relevant Equality and Diversity legislation and Council policies/procedures.

