

## Job Profile

**Job Title: Support Worker – Afghan Refugee Family Support Service**

**Job Grade: Level 3 Zone 1**

**Salary Range: £33,789 - £38,465**

### **About Camden**

'Camden is building somewhere everyone can thrive, by making our borough the best place to live, work, study and visit. Because, we're not just home to UK's fast-growing economy. We're home to the most important conversations happening today. And we're making radical social change a reality, so that nobody gets left behind. Here's where you can help decide a better future for us all.

### **About the role:**

To provide a comprehensive accommodation-based assessment and support service to Afghan Refugee families living in hotel accommodation and provide induction and cultural orientation support to living in the United Kingdom. Ensure urgent and immediate needs are identified and met, and individual household immigration status/circumstances is understood to facilitate effective relocation and resettlement under the relevant government Afghan resettlement Schemes. To make referrals and sign post to specialist services as required and apply for DWP benefits where eligible, liaising with a wide-range of statutory and voluntary services.

### **Role Purpose:**

- To provide a high quality and responsive accommodation-based support service to assist families and the Home Office in preparation for offers of settled accommodation.
- A casework approach to assess and meet the needs of existing refugees and new arrivals to the hotel.
- To work with households and partner agencies to successfully maintain their stay in the hotel pending move on.
- Liaison with Home Office and DWP to establish immigration status of refugees and the agreed exit route for each family.
- Engage with hotel management around responsibilities, health and safety, guest needs and general occupation of the hotels.
- To observe, evaluate and escalate issues relating to households which may include domestic violence, exploitation and adult and children's wellbeing in accordance with Camden's safeguarding responsibilities.
- To maximise income and provide welfare benefit and debt management advice and/or refer to relevant services
- To develop and maintain positive working relationships and liaison with partners and stakeholders to include convening/attending professionals' meetings, case conferences and handover meetings where appropriate.

## **Technical Knowledge and Experience**

- Experience of providing front line services to vulnerable families.
- Knowledge of the housing options available to meet the housing needs of families.
- Up to date knowledge of Universal Credit and general understanding of the welfare benefits systems and legislation.
- The ability to carry out assessments of need and risk and identify appropriate responses.
- Effective oral and written communication that can be adapted to communicate with a diverse and vulnerable client group.
- Ability to effectively provide services to non-English speakers using language support.
- IT literate and ability to use a database for casework purposes.
- Working knowledge of GDPR, confidentiality and data sharing protocols.
- Enhanced DBS

## **About you**

- Knowledge of the development and implications of Housing Legislation
- Understanding of health and safety issues as they relate to service delivery in particular hotel-based support workers working with clients with support needs.
- Knowledge of working with Refugees.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills able to use a range of methods to communicate to a wide range of audiences
- Ability to manage and motivate staff , identify and deliver training needs, supervise and tackle poor performance
- Ability to implement council procedures and to translate policy and legislation into practical procedures and guidelines
- Ability to develop and maintain a system for monitoring performance, able to use a wide range of information technology and scrutinise/analyse data
- Demonstrate a commitment to putting the customer at the centre of service delivery
- Knowledge of the welfare benefits systems and legislation.
- Experience of working with Refugees.
- Experience of liaison and negotiation with a wide range of statutory and independent sector providers
- Experience of assessing the needs of vulnerable clients and monitoring the progression of caseloads and casework
- Ability to effectively provide services to non-English speakers using language support.
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## **Work Environment:**

Hotel-based, interim refugee accommodation.

**People Management Responsibilities:**

None

**Relationships:**

Home Office

Hotel management and staff

Commissioning Services

LBC Housing Options & Advice Service

Equalities and Community Strength Directorate

Housing Management

Housing Solutions

Adult Social Care

Children's Social Care

Primary Care Trust

Mental Health Trust

Voluntary and Community Sector

Police

District Housing Staff

Community and Hospital Based Teams

Community Safety

**Over to you**

We're ready to welcome your ideas, your views, and your rebellious spirit. Help us redefine our corporate services, and we'll redefine what a career can be. If that sounds good to you, we'd love to talk.

**Is this role Politically Restricted?**

Some posts at Camden are politically restricted, which means individuals holding these posts cannot have active political role. For a list of all politically restricted roles at Camden [click here](#).

**Diversity & Inclusion**

At Camden, we value and celebrate difference and encourage diversity in all respects. Our diverse workforce ensures we represent our communities to the best of our ability and enables us to make better decisions. Because of this, we particularly welcome applications from Black, Asian and those of other non-white ethnicities, those who identify as LGBT+, neurodiverse and disabled people.

**Agile working**

At Camden we view work as an activity, not a place. We focus on performance, not presenteeism. We create trusting relationships, we embrace innovation rather than bureaucracy and we value people. Collaboration is the Camden way, silo working isn't.

At Camden we are proud to be one of Hire Me My Way's inaugural campaign supporters. Hire Me My Way is a national campaign led by Timewise, designed to increase the volume of good quality jobs that can be worked flexibly in the UK ([www.HireMeMyWay.org.uk](http://www.HireMeMyWay.org.uk)). Hire Me My Way aims to treble the number of available good quality flexible jobs to 1 million by 2020.

**Asking for Adjustments**

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