

## **Job Profile**

**Job Title:** Social Worker – Learning Disabilities Service (CLDS)  
**Job Grade:** Level 4 Zone 1  
**Salary Range:** £40,652 - £46,779

### **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**

As an experienced full time Social Worker, with at least 2 years post qualifying experience, you will be expected to manage your own workload and resources, you will undertake assessments for people with learning disabilities, assessing the client's needs, risks and capacity and respond appropriately to support the person. You will have the skills to respond appropriately to unexpected events and crisis and have the ability to recognise signs of harm, abuse and neglect and how to manage these issues.

Part of the role, will involve having a small caseload of people living out of borough, liaising closely with Clinical Commissioning Groups & clinical services around Continuing Health Care assessments for people with complex needs known to CLDS. The post holder will be working closely with the Lead Practitioner overseeing the out of borough Continuing Health Care work in the service.

The post holder will also be working with people living in the borough and have First Contact (Duty) backup responsibilities.

You must have a thorough understanding of current legislation and how it applies to the work of the profession including understanding the prevailing needs, whilst to promote the best interests of service users and carers at all times. The post holder must be able to assess a situation, determine its nature and severity and take the requisite action based on knowledge and experience.

The post holder must collaborate closely with the managers and clinicians in the wider multidisciplinary team covering the following specialisms: Dietetics, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Psychiatry, Psychological Therapies, Speech and Language Therapy, Preparing for Adulthood; The post holder will contribute to the duty system across the Learning Disabilities Service ensuring the delivery of the highest standards of care for customers and their families.

### **Example outcomes or objectives that this role will deliver:**

- Work to the Adult Social Care operational principles in order to provide high quality and effective social work support, delivering excellent strengths based assessment, intervention, care planning and Social Work service to all customers in either a community or hospital setting
- Working intensively and proactively with clinical services and Clinical Commissioning Groups to achieve appropriate outcomes to CHC assessments, and achieving Continuing health Care funding where applicable.

- Part of the caseload will have a focus on Continuing Health Care assessments, and oversee the end to end CHC assessment process for people with complex needs living out of borough.
- Manage and monitor a reduced workload of cases of varying complexity and organise work activities taking into account the need to prioritise tasks and responsibilities, ensuring statutory responsibilities are undertaken.
- Respond to customer's needs without delay, identifying and working to tackle obstacles as they arise
- Undertake interviews, Mental Capacity Act assessments, observations and gather information from adults with learning disabilities, informal networks and other agencies to analyse summarise and evaluate the information to provide a holistic assessment of needs, balancing risk and protective factors.
- Use professional discretion to tailor support and broker a range of appropriate services, ensuring it is proportionate to the customers' needs (taking account of their informal network) and individualised to their circumstances,
- Undertake risk assessments of people with learning disabilities and developing positive risk management strategies as appropriate, including protection plans for those who require them.
- Monitor and review support plans at regular intervals involving all stakeholders and ensuring the customer is at the centre of the process. Ensure plans meet assessed eligible needs

#### **About you**

- BA, BSC or MA in Social Worker or equivalent
- DIPSW or CQSW
- Registered with Social Work England
- Commitment that post holder will undertake Post Qualifying Courses when relevant.
- Over 2 years post qualified experience
- A good awareness of the role and organisation of partner agencies such as health, housing and the voluntary and community sector so as to advise and support customers
- A working knowledge of local care and support resources/options for adult social care customers and their carers and where to find these
- Thorough knowledge of relevant social care and health legislation, policies, procedures and best practice guides and how they impact on customers including evidence of its implementation and application
- A good understanding and working knowledge of Continuing Health Care processes and assessments.

#### **Work Environment:**

Mostly office based at 5 Pancras Square but some travel required around the borough and outside the borough to visit people with learning disabilities; carers; services and meet with other agencies.

#### **People Management Responsibilities:**

None

#### **Relationships:**

The postholder will be required to liaise with various teams and services both internally and externally, negotiating and influencing outcomes. When developing and reviewing care/protection plans this will include engaging and involving users and carers in these reviews and liaising with other workers and agencies as appropriate.

**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.

**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**

We want Camden Council to be a great place to work and to ensure that our communities are represented across our workforce. A vital part of this is ensuring we are a truly inclusive organisation that encourages diversity in all respects, including diversity of thinking. We particularly welcome applications from Black, Asian and those of Other Ethnicities, LGBT+, disabled and neurodiverse communities to make a real difference to our residents so that equalities and justice remains at the heart of everything we do. Click [Diversity and Inclusion](#) for more information on our commitment.

**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.

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