

Job Profile Information: Housing and Health Occupational Therapist

This supplementary information for *Housing and Health Occupational Therapist* is for guidance and must be used in conjunction with the Job Capsule for Level 4, Zone 1.

Camden Way Category 4

It is for use during recruitment, setting objectives as part of the performance management process and other people management purposes. It does not form part of an employee's contract of employment.

Role Purpose:

To provide a timely, accurate and supportive housing and health assessment service for people in housing need, and maximise provision of wheelchair accessible housing for people in housing need with disabilities.

Example outcomes or objectives that this role will deliver:

- To ensure that where an applicant for social housing or homelessness assistance cites health conditions that are related to their housing situation, comprehensive and clear recommendations are made to the responsible case officer, or communicated to the applicant within set timescales and in full accordance with set priorities, relevant legislation, codes of guidance and local strategies and policies such as the housing allocation scheme.
- To lead for the Service in contributing to the drafting, monitoring and implementation of the council's strategies for maximising the provision and allocation of affordable, accessible housing in new build and redevelopment schemes.
- To lead for the Service in the delivery of the accessible housing register
- Support Officers to clearly and concisely explain their housing and health related decisions on a case by case basis, through contributing to manager supervision and identifying training needs.
- Ensure appropriate further referrals and liaison with other health professionals are happening as and when required.
- Ensure the systems for housing register applicants with housing and health related needs work as effectively as possible from start to finish, for example by reviewing and redesigning the online medical self-assessment form.

- To work proactively with developers to maximise wheelchair accessible homes built in the borough and ensure that they comply with Camden's design brief.

People Management Responsibilities:

N/A

Relationships;

- Manage the council's relationship with any external provider of medical assessments.
- Provide a first point of contact for agencies working with residents with accessible housing needs.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues across the Council, for example with Adult Social Care, Housing OT Surveyor, Housing Partnerships, the Voids and Repairs Services and Children, Schools and Families.
- Work in partnership with PRPs and developers regarding new social housing wheelchair units.
- Strive to achieve objectives and follow instructions set by Managers.
- Routinely put forward ideas for service improvement.

Work Environment:

- The role will mainly be office based at 5 Pancras Square.
- Home working is available in agreement with your Manager.
- Visits may be necessary, for example, to assess people at home
- Attendance at external meetings will be required, for example at case conferences.

Technical Knowledge and Experience:

- Degree (BSc) or Diploma (Dip) in Occupational Therapy
- Current HCPC registration as an Occupational Therapist
- Detailed understanding of the housing legislation and the housing needs of people with disabilities.

Camden Way Five Ways of Working

In order to continue delivering for the people of Camden in the face of ever increasing financial pressure, we need to transform the way we do things. We call this the Camden Way. The Camden Way is a key part of our transformation strategy often referred to as the transformation triangle which links the Camden Plan, the Camden Way and the Financial Strategy together.

The Camden Way illustrates the approach that should underpin everything we do through five ways of working:

- Deliver for the people of Camden
- Work as one team
- Take pride in getting it right
- Find better ways
- Take personal responsibility

For further information on the Camden Way please visit:

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