**Service Manager- Legal Proceedings and Case progression** (Job Reference Number)

**Job Summary:**

**Starting salary:** £50,655

**Job Level:** Level 5, Zone 2
**Work Location:** 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG
**Hours per week:** 36
**Contract type:** Permanent
**Closing date:** xxxxxxx

**Interviews to be held**: xxxx 2021
**Alternative flexible working options available / open to discussion**

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**The role**

The Service managers role will ensure that children’s social care practice within the legal framework is timely, proportionate, of high quality and promotes good outcomes for children and young people.

He/she will work in partnership with the courts and a range of operational and strategic stakeholders within the Family Justice System to ensure the timely and effective progression of care proceedings within Camden’s Children’s Services.

The post holder will also monitor the implementation of the court directed requirements in care proceedings cases, escalate any delays or issues to the relevant stakeholders, including directly to the courts.

Providing mentoring and case consultation to social workers and managers across Children’s Social Care, in preparation for the initiation of legal proceedings and submissions to court, as well as offer robust quality assurance of court reports and statements.

The Service Manager is required to be a leader in supporting improvements to service delivery through identifying system and officer issues that lead to delays in care proceedings cases, with formulation of plans to support operational changes to improve standards and promote continuous learning and development.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and will require an Enhanced DBS.

**About you**

A relevant professional qualification is required/essential for this role. Accredited social work status (CQSW, DipSW, CSS). Registration with Social Work England is also an essential requirement.

You will be required to have detailed knowledge of policies, statutory regulations and guidance relating to children’s safeguarding and child protection.

An excellent knowledge of Quality Assurance and Performance Management frameworks to demonstrate a good level of knowledge specific to the area of practice in which this post is based.

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For this you will have extensive post qualification training and development of practice and management skills. working knowledge and experience of the children’s social care legal framework, and evidence of delivering best practice in this area

This role requires significant experience of Care planning, court proceedings and abilities for robust tracking and management of timely court proceedings

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