

Job Profile Information: Senior Practitioner Children and Young People Disability Service 0-25

Job Title: *Senior Practitioner Children and Young People Disability Service*

Job Grade: Level 4 Zone 2

Salary Range: £41,952 - £48,663

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.

The Children and Young People Disability Service 0-25 service is part of MOSAIC, the integrated service for disabled children who have complex developmental needs. Within this role you will focus on case management, supervision, assessment and care planning of children and young people with severe to profound disabilities and complex health needs from birth to 25. You will be working with complex families in a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency setting with health practitioners and work closely with special educational needs and learning disabilities adults colleagues with a focus on Preparing for Adulthood.

About the role

As a Senior Practitioner you will be taking a leading role and contribute to the development of a comprehensive service for children and young people with severe to profound disabilities and complex health needs ranging in ages from birth to 25 years. This includes providing supervision, professional leadership to social workers and social care staff within the service and facilitate collaboration within a multi-agency context as appropriate.

- To work in accordance with guidelines set out by local management and to make appropriate use of statutory, independent and voluntary resources
- To role model and help others demonstrate professionalism, ensuring professional social work standards are maintained throughout area of responsibilities.
- To ensure services are provided to the appropriate cohort of children, young people and young adults and that thresholds for services are implemented equitably
- To provide guidance, support and direction to Social workers and Social care staff within the service to ensure the maintenance and development of appropriate skills and standards.
- To ensure staff are aware and able to implement of departmental policies and procedures relating to children and young adults with disabilities, including child protection, Child in Need, Looked After Children, Transition Planning, Short Breaks and Leaving Care procedures informing practice.

- Demonstrable understanding of the issues faced by/needs of disadvantaged families with children and the particular difficulties faced by children and young people with complex disabilities, and or mental health difficulties.
- To be responsible for regularly monitoring all records kept by the service to ensure compliance with the service's policies, to identify any concerns about specific incidents and to identify patterns and trends and ensure immediate action is taken to address issues raised by this monitoring.
- To work as a part of a team to provide, co-ordinate and develop a comprehensive service for children and young people using the broad categories of services and resources available to children and families to meet identified needs.
- To establish a network of internal and external colleagues from whom to seek advice and expertise.
- Plays a leading role in practice development in the team and help sustain a learning culture.
- To provide professional support and supervision to designated social workers, both individually as well as group supervisions, taking into account systemic ways of working
- At all times ensuring that services offered by the team meets the needs of the multi-racial and multi-cultural community in Camden.
- To be aware, understand and make use of research and developments to the work of the Children and Young People Disability Service.
- To promote positive approaches to diversity and identity, providing guidance and challenge with particular reference to children and young people with Complex Needs and Disabilities

About you

- Diploma in social work in social work or equivalent qualification; Social Work England registration. Sound knowledge of the legislative framework of children and adult social service department.
- Three years post qualification experience of working in a Children and Families or Adults Division, including experience of supervising or supporting others.
- Sound knowledge of the legislative framework relating to children, particularly the Children Act 1989 and all legislation related to children with disabilities including the Children and Families Act (2014) or a sound working knowledge of legislative frameworks relating to young adults, including the Care Act (2014) and Mental Capacity Act (2005).
- Experience of giving supervision, an ability to evidence the assessment and motivation of staff, identifying training needs.
- To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the pressures faced by families with children living in socially deprived neighbourhoods, the issues faced by/needs of disadvantaged families with children.
- Experience of undertaking complex assessments of a child's needs and/or risk; of designing and implementing care/protection plan and completing court work; of monitoring and reviewing such plans over a period of time
- Ability to undertake and enable others to make appropriate assessments, plan interventions, review and evaluate outcomes, as well as the ability to develop a working knowledge of commissioning and resources within budget restraints.

Work Environment:

This is an agile working office base position, including being based at a Health Centre.

People Management Responsibilities:

- To undertake duties on behalf of the team manager as required by the needs of the service.
- To undertake Duty Senior Practitioner tasks on a rota basis through the service duty hub system.
- To address and oversee performance management issues that arise, supporting people to positively resolve difficulties where possible, taking action with HR/the regulator if appropriate.
- To allocate, monitor and supervise the work of a care management/social work team using any agreed workload management systems.
- To contribute to the identification, planning and meeting of staff development needs informed by the Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF).

Relationships;

- To develop and maintain effective working relationships with internal and external partners including statutory, voluntary and independent agencies.
- To engage with children, young people and their families from a co-productive position which will inform practice and service delivery design.

Over to you

We're ready to welcome your ideas, your views, and your rebellious spirit. Help us redefine how we're supporting people, 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

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.

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). Hire Me My Way aims to treble the number of available good quality flexible jobs to 1 million by 2020.

Asking for Adjustments

Camden is committed to making our recruitment practices barrier-free and as accessible as possible for everyone. This includes making adjustments or changes for disabled people, neurodiverse people or people with long-term health conditions. If you would like us to do anything differently during the application, interview or assessment process, including providing information in an alternative format, please contact us on 020 7974 6655, at resourcing@camden.gov.uk or post to 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG.