

## Job Description

<b>Job Title</b>	EDT Social Worker
<b>Directorate</b>	Children and Young People's Services
<b>Service Area</b>	Children's Social Care
<b>Grade</b>	8
<b>Competency Level</b>	2
<b>Salary</b>	£46,142 - £51,356
<b>Job Type</b>	Hybrid
<b>Location</b>	City Wide
<b>Disclosure and barring service (DBS)</b>	Enhanced with Child Barred List (Child Workforce)
<b>Job Evaluation Ref No</b>	A9559

## Job Purpose

To respond to out of hours referrals where intervention is required to safeguard children and young people who are deemed to be at risk.

To deal with referrals, which are not assessed as emergencies but where delay before intervention by day staff could cause deterioration in the welfare or safety of the child.

### **Directly Responsible For:**

Not applicable

### **Directly Responsible To:**

Team/Deputy Team Manager

### **Main Areas of Responsibility:**

- To assess all emergency children's safeguarding referrals whilst on duty
- To chair out of hours strategy discussions that take place with agencies such as the police and other emergency services
- To undertake joint work with other agencies, including joint investigative child protection work with the police
- To safeguard the welfare of children referred to the out of hours EDT service where there is a risk of significant harm
- Be accountable for complex decision making in relation to out of hours cases ensuring professional judgement, evidence-based tools, critical reflection, and analysis is used to inform this
- Identify and assess levels of risk and need in often complex and dynamic situations, ensuring that the safety and welfare of children is paramount
- To assess children in need and their families and arrange interim support services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and/or take action to ensure the safety of the child
- Manage multiple referrals and deal with them in order of priority with regard to the possible consequences of delay
- Model critical reflection and evidence-based decision making
- Demonstrate the use of a range of social work interventions with children, young people and their families to reduce risk, promote change and positive outcomes

- Deliver protective and/or supportive services for vulnerable children
- Ensure that children, young people, their families and other carers are fully involved in the process of assessment and planning and that the views, wishes and feelings of children and young people are sought, recorded and taken into account in decision-making in line with best practice
- Ensure any emergency plans reflect the child's needs
- Ensure the relevant systems are appropriately checked to identify whether the child referred is already known to the service. Where the child is known, have the ability to consider the history to inform decision making
- Be responsible for accurate, sensitive, timely and up to date recording on all cases
- Attend and represent the department at a range of multi-disciplinary meetings, taking the role of Chair as required
- Undertake Achieving Best Evidence interviews as required
- Undertake direct work with children, young people, and their families
- Work in partnership with children, young people, families/carers and partner agencies, through building effective relationships, to elicit their needs and views and promote participation in decision making
- To deputise for the EDT Deputy Manager as required which will include giving work instructions to the Referral & Advice Officers
- Model inclusive practice in relation to identity and diversity, challenging any issues of concern
- Take responsibility for obtaining regular professional supervision to ensure effective and reflective practice
- Prepare and participate in annual appraisal and reviews, identifying areas for improvement and carrying out agreed learning and development opportunities
- Manage and appropriately prioritise tasks through effective time management
- Build honest relationships based on clear communication and ensure that all involved understand what will happen with the information, children, young

people, families, carers, and partner agencies provide. Ensuring due regard is given to service user consent, confidentiality, data protection and information sharing protocols

### **Supervision and Management Responsibility:**

- This post does not have any supervisory or line manager responsibility

### **Budget and Financial Responsibility:**

- Being fully accountable for managing the council's resources well and complying with statutory requirements. This includes managing time, avoiding unnecessary waste, reuse and recycle resources to reduce personal impact

### **Social Value Responsibility:**

- Drive for social value through all activities, ensuring wider social, economic and environmental benefits for the council, residents and communities

### **Physical Demands of the Job:**

- This post involves both office and field work. Hence it involves sedentary work and the need to travel to appointments. Sometimes it involves travelling long distances if children are resident out of borough

### **Corporate Responsibility:**

- Contribute to the delivery of the Council Plan
- Delivering and promoting excellent customer service, externally and internally

- Commitment to customer excellence by dealing with customer feedback, including complaints, and learning from feedback in the drive for continuous improvement
- Making the council a great place to work, living the council's values, actively engaging in regular communications including team meetings, undertaking training as required and being responsible for managing own performance
- Develop the City Council's commitment to equal opportunities and to promote non-discriminatory practices in all aspects of work undertaken
- To ensure that all work functions are undertaken in accordance with health and safety legislation, codes of practice and the City Council's safety plan

## Competency Framework:

We operate a competency framework, a set of core behaviours which define how we are expected to approach our work, how we perform in certain situations and how we treat each other. Each competency details the standards of behaviours and skills required by all staff and this in turn supports delivery of our aim and our council plans linking them together with our values.

The post holder will be required to demonstrate the ability to perform at the following competency level: **Level 2**.

[The competency framework can be found here.](#)

This job description is not intended to be either prescriptive or exhaustive. It is issued as a framework to outline the main areas of responsibility. You will be expected to carry out any other duties that may reasonably be required in line with your main duties and changing priorities of the organisation.

# Person Specification

Assessment methods used: I = Interview, P = Presentation, A = Application, E = Exercise, T = Test, AC = Assessment Centre

## Qualification and training

### Essential

- Social Work degree or equivalent social work professional qualification (A)
- Registered with Social Work England (A)

## Experience

### Essential

- Post qualifying social work experience in a child and family setting (A/I)

## Skills/Abilities

### Essential

- Knowledge of children's legislation, statutory guidance, policy, and procedures (A/I)
- Knowledge of the Assessment Framework and other relevant assessment and planning tools (A/I)
- Knowledge of child development (A)
- Knowledge of and an understanding of statutory child protection and looked after children processes (A/I)

- Ability to undertake needs-led assessment and planning, applying critical reflection and analysis (A/I)
- Ability to demonstrate an understanding of being and effectively acting as a corporate parent in line with the Corporate Parenting Principles (I)
- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in written form and present coherent and relevant information to meetings/panels (I)
- Ability to undertake direct work with children and young people and/or their carers (A/I)
- Ability to effectively work in partnership with children, young people, and families (A/I)
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team (A/I)
- Ability to take advantage of and use information technology, including agile working, to be efficient in practice and time management, and maintain up to date recording (A)
- Ability to chair meetings that consider risk in relation to significant harm (strategy meetings) (A/I)
- Experience of interpreting information to make a decision about whether or not a child is likely to suffer significant harm (A/I)
- Ability to work flexibly and outside of normal office hours (A/I)

## **Desirable**

- Ability to produce good quality child centred and outcome focused reports and plans
- Ability to develop practical and procedural knowledge across a defined specialist area
- Ability to use theory and research to inform practice and professional decision making

- Ability to organise a complex workload, prioritise conflicting demands and meet set timescales
- Ability to foster good working relationships with colleagues from within the Council and partner agencies and collaborate for the needs of children and young people to be met and positive outcomes achieved

## Commitment

### Essential

- To work within and meet the Social Work England Professional Standards, including continuing Social Work England registration (A/I)

### Desirable

- An understanding of and a personal commitment to the Vision and Values of Liverpool City Council

## Other

### Essential

- This post is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) at the enhanced level
- Full UK driving Licence/Car user or commitment to obtain/become a car user within 6 months (A)