

Job Description Adult Social Care

Post Title: Approved Mental Health Professional
Post No: 3259
Reporting to: Practice Manager
Grade: Grade K

1. Job Purpose & Objective

To undertake the role of an AMHP and Best Interest Assessor as required by operational demands.

2. Main Duties & Responsibilities

- To provide a Social Care service, supporting people in vulnerable circumstances, and their careers to achieve maximum independence and autonomy, as directed by national policy, legislation and guidance in accordance with the Council policies.
- Providing a service to older people, people with dementia, people with physical disabilities, people with learning disabilities, people with sensory impairment, people with mental ill health needs, people who misuse alcohol or drugs needs, and people with combinations of various needs.
- To ensure effective and equitable distribution of social care resources in a manner that ensures the assessed eligible needs and risks to the individual have been considered and addressed.
- To act as a specialist resource to colleagues and other professionals in matters relating to mental disorder and the Mental Health Act 1983/2007.
- To provide statutory AMHP functions as set out in Section 114 of the Mental Health Act 1983/2007.
- To act as the senior member of the team, in the short-term absence of the Operational Manager and Practice Manager.
- To develop effective working relationships with people using our services, to facilitate and promote effective positive change.
- To protect Vulnerable Adults through undertaking Safeguarding Enquiries.
- To assess people for eligibility for Health funding through liaising with other key professionals in undertaking Continuing Health Care assessments.
- To protect vulnerable Adults from deprivation of their liberty, through undertaking Best Interest Assessments.
- To support people in vulnerable circumstances to access eligible funding, and provide support where wished and / or required, to develop personal support plans, including consideration of the use of their Individual Budgets and possible Direct Payments.
- To ensure the mental capacity of people to make specific decisions is appropriately considered and, where necessary, responded to.

- To maintain Social Work registration by meeting HCPC renewal criteria.

3. Supervisory / Managerial Responsibility

To participate in the induction of the new staff and students and to guide and support less experienced members of the team whether qualified or unqualified.

Undertake the role of Practice Supervisor for staff undertaking the AMHP Training as required.

4. Communication / Contacts

- Health staff
- Ambulance
- Police
- CMHT's
- Hospitals
- Providers

5. Career / Salary Progression linked to this post

This is an outline job description only and the post holder will be expected to undertake the duties commensurate within the range and grade of the post or any lesser duties as directed by the Service Director/Headteacher.

NB: The aim of the job description is to indicate the general purpose and level of responsibility of the post. Please be aware that duties may vary from time to time without changing their character or general level of responsibility. Duties may be subject to periodic review by the Business Unit Head or nominated representative (in consultation with the postholder) to reflect the changing work composition of the business.