

**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Permanent Variable Hours EDT Advanced Practitioners

**Salary Grade:** Grade 9

**SCP:** 43 - 47

**Job Family:** People Care

**Job Profile:** PC 5, plus working conditions

**Directorate:** Children’s Social Care

**Job Ref No:** N/A

**Work Environment:** Childrens Emergency Duty Team

**Reports to:** Emergency Duty Team Manager

**Number of Reports:** N/A

Your normal place of work will be the Civic Centre, Sunderland but this is subject to change.

This position requires an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check.

**Purpose:**

To respond to the Emergency Safeguarding needs of Children and Families, out of normal office hours.

To work in accordance with established policies and procedures of Together for Children and Sunderland Safeguarding Board.

**Key Responsibilities:**

To undertake risk assessments and offer interventions with the most complex children and families out of office hours, ensuring the safety of the child is paramount.

To work in accordance with statutory regulations and guidelines in responding to risk.

To work semi-autonomously out of hours, where necessary with the support of the backup shift Social Worker & under the direction of the EDT On-Call Manager when this is required.

To be able to take direction and respond to the first Social Worker on shift to alleviate some case capacity to ensure safe effective working.

To investigate complaints of alleged neglect, abuse or ill treatment of children, undertaking risk assessments and where appropriate arrange safe accommodation for children at significant risk of harm.

To work to a range of legal options to support investigation and protection; if required give evidence in court, using contingency planning to plan for changing circumstances.

To liaise with colleagues in order to gather information relevant to assessment and risk management.

To work with children and young people, families, carers and communities to formulate care/safety plans in partnership based on their assessment of need/risk.

To prepare, record and maintain case records and other information is accordance with child protection and information sharing procedures.

To keep up to date with social work practice, and also to reflect and identify development and training needs to ensure continuous professional development.

To work within the Together for Children’s professional policy and procedures, and code of conduct.

To ensure effective and timely communication across Child Protection services, listen to and respond to the views of ideas of other professionals, stakeholders (particularly children and young people and their families) to ensure services are relevant, responsive and focused on meeting identified needs/risk.

To champion diversity and equality.

To Chair Interim Strategy Discussions and initiate Safeguarding investigations outside office hours.

Working within the multi-agency framework, to fulfill Sunderland Together for Children’s statutory Social Work functions during allocated shifts outside regular office hours.

Undertake timely, procedurally compliant assessments, and S47 enquiries which clearly identify level of risk, and/or need, in relation to children, and which lead to clear plans and interventions that address identified risks and need/s until day time services can resume responsibility.

Take ownership of casework issues including the focus of assessments, nature and type of work to be undertaken, reporting case work issues where appropriate to both the EDT Manager On-Call and/or the Team Manager.

To contribute to meaningful engagement with partner agencies locally and across the City, including case discussion, problem solving, managing dispute, training and participation in multi-agency forums.

To contribute to strategic and operational developments related to the establishment and promotion of excellent practice across Sunderland.

**Additional Information/Other Requirements**

To be able to meet the travelling requirements of the post.

To be able to work flexible hours as required by the post. Working hours are primarily outside normal working hours including bank holidays and statutory holiday periods such as Christmas and Easter.

**Statutory requirements**

In line with Together for Children’s Statutory Requirements, all employees of the Together for Children should:

Comply with the principles and requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 in relation to the management of Together for Children Sunderland’s records and information, and respect the privacy of personal information held by Together for Children.

Comply with the principles and requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Comply with Together for Children’s information security standards, and requirements for the management and handling of information.

Use Together for Children’s information only for authorised purposes.

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