



Job profile

Educational Psychologists

Soulbury Scale A Points 2-7 (plus SPA points)

Group: Care, Wellbeing & Learning

Service: Education Gateshead

Location: Dryden Centre (although frequent travel will be required between locations)

Line Manager: Principal Educational Psychologist

Car User Status: Casual

Job Purpose

To provide an educational psychology service to schools, children and young people, parents and the community of Gateshead through consultation, assessment, intervention training and project work.

The key roles of this post will include:

- 1 To contribute to the delivery of a high quality and effective educational psychology service to children, families and schools, which promotes the learning, mental health and well-being of all pupils.
- 2 To provide consultation and support for staff in schools, parents/carers and staff in other Services, advising on methods and approaches to address the learning and behavioural needs of young people.
- 3 To participate in the planning and delivery of in-service training as required.
- 4 To contribute to the statutory assessment and review of children with special educational needs by providing effective, high quality and outcomes-based psychological advice.
- 5 To collaborate in the development of Service projects or initiatives as required.
- 6 To contribute to the systematic monitoring and evaluation of service performance.
- 7 To undertake appropriate Continuing Professional Development and maintain knowledge of current theories and working practices within Educational Psychology.



- 8 To demonstrate a continuing commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; to develop the Council's commitment to equal opportunities; and to promote non-discriminatory practices in all aspects of work undertaken.
- 9 Such other responsibilities allocated which are appropriate to the grade of the post.



Knowledge & Qualifications

Essential:

Knowledge

- Child development
- School systems
- Current legislation and developments relating to special educational needs and disability rights; psychological assessments
- A range of therapeutic frameworks.

Experience

- Working with children and young people in a variety of contexts and with a range of Special Educational Needs
- Communicating effectively with a range of people
- Managing a caseload
- Working under pressure and delivering to deadlines

Qualifications

- Eligible for Chartered Status as an Educational Psychologist within the British Psychological Society or a Doctorate in Educational Psychology from a training institution accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).
- Be registered with the HCPC.
- You must have a current driving license and access to a car or means to mobility support.

Desirable:

Knowledge

- Consultation methods
- Solution focused brief therapy
- Cognitive behaviour therapy
- Local authority structures and systems
- Post-16 systems

Experience

- Being an effective team member;
- Carrying out psychological assessments and interventions across a range of educational settings
- Working in the post-16 or youth offending sectors



- Delivering a range of therapeutic approaches
- Carrying out project work
- Delivering successful training to groups of parents and/or professionals
- Working with a range of agencies

Qualifications

- Other professional qualifications relating to education or vocational training



Competencies

Customer Focus	Puts the customer first and provides excellent service to both internal and external customers
Communication	Uses appropriate methods to express information in a clear and concise way to make sure people understand
Team Working	Works with others to achieve results and develop good working relationships
Making things happen	Takes responsibility for personal organisation and achieving results
Flexibility	Adapts to change and works effectively in a variety of situations
Learning and Development	Actively improves by developing and applying new skills and knowledge and learns from past experiences