



# South Tyneside Council

## CHILDREN, ADULTS AND HEALTH

### PERSON SPECIFICATION

**POST TITLE:** Principal Social Worker - Practice and Assurance

**GRADE:** SM2

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Work Qualification, DipSW, CQSW, CSS, or SW Degree</li> <li>• Evidence of post qualification CPD</li> <li>• Registered with professional body</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership/Management qualification</li> <li>• Practice Education Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application form</li> <li>• Certificates</li> </ul>
<b>Work Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deep professional and technical experience of adult social care services, particularly assessment and care management</li> <li>• Extensive experience of operational issues within a social care and health environment and understanding of policies, processes, legislation and best practice relating to social care practice</li> <li>• Experience of leading and delivering change and service improvement</li> <li>• Experience of undertaking duties associated with the quality assurance of practice</li> <li>• Experience of inspirational and robust leadership, development and motivation of staff</li> <li>• Experience of building trust and managing stakeholder engagement relationships across partner organisations to deliver improved outcomes</li> <li>• Experience of developing and implementing new policies and procedures</li> <li>• Experience of workforce planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of working with Elected Members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application form</li> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• References</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge/ Skills/ Aptitudes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to successfully contribute to the Council's aims and objectives within an overall framework that safeguards adults, promoting health, independence and wellbeing</li> <li>• Robust knowledge of best practice in a social work setting and social work theories</li> <li>• Robust knowledge of current issues relating to social work legislation</li> <li>• Up to date knowledge of social work standards</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• References</li> <li>• Selection Exercise</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to plan, develop and implement new ways of working, including with key partners</li> <li>• Excellent assessment, analysis and reporting skills</li> <li>• Ability to relate everyday practice issues to the wider strategic context</li> <li>• Ability to apply theory to practice and shape the practice of others</li> <li>• Excellent communication skills with the ability to present complex information both verbally and in writing in a clear, concise manner to a range of audiences</li> <li>• Ability to challenge and be challenged</li> <li>• Analytical skills to be able to interpret data accurately</li> </ul>		
<b>Disposition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to respond positively to stressful and pressurised situations</li> <li>• Committed to high quality, accessible cost-effective services and to local democracy</li> <li>• Committed to the principles of equality and diversity</li> <li>• High personal standards of integrity and probity</li> <li>• Highly motivated towards cultural change and working for South Tyneside</li> <li>• Flexible approach to work</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• References</li> </ul>
<b>Circumstances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to work outside of office hours as required</li> <li>• Full current driving licence or access to a means of mobility support</li> <li>• Enhanced clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application form</li> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• DBS Check</li> </ul>