PERSON SPECIFICATION

Young Carers Schools and Families Project Officer

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Education/ Training/Qualifications	 Educated to GCSE standard – 5 A to C grades or equivalent. IAG qualification Safeguarding level 2 	Qualification in youth & communities studies or other relevant subject (Health & Social Care/ Teaching) Advocacy or Mentoring qualification IAG level 4
Experience & knowledge	 Knowledge and experience of working with vulnerable children, young people and families. Knowledge of the importance of safe practice, Child and vulnerable adult protection procedures and legislation Knowledge and experience of safeguarding and how to protect children and young people. Successful teamwork experience Knowledge and experience of working in a school environment Understanding of curriculum and school practices and the impact on young carers 	 Direct experience of working with Young Carers Knowledge of health, education, local government & social care systems Ability to problem solve and manage unexpected situations Experience of collecting outcomes, evidence and evaluation tools

Competencies	 Excellent in word processing, spreadsheets and databases, use of email, internet & social media. Able to establish credibility with children, young people and their families Able to practice and communicate in a way that is open, accessible and which promotes equality of opportunity and is anti-discriminatory Ability to work creatively and flexibly Ability to work independently and as a team member Ability to deliver age appropriate support groups. Excellent organisation and planning skills 	 Able to identify potential obstacles and overcome them Able to work in partnership with children young people, families and a range of professionals. Ability to facilitate peer support groups
Values and Attitudes	 To be dependent and reliable. To show commitment and consistency Displays a positive attitude to working life 	
Additional Requirements	 Willingness and ability to travel Driving licence and access to a car/other means of mobility 	