

**Person Specification
Social Worker
Hospital Social Work Team**



Part A

The following criteria (experience, skills and qualifications) will be used to short-list at the application stage:

Essential

- Recognised Social Work Qualification, e.g. CQSW, CSS, DipSW, Degree in Social Work, or equivalent, with at least 3 to 4 years post qualifying experience in field work or other related experience
- Knowledge and understanding of The Care Act (with particular emphasis on the delayed discharge process), and the Mental Capacity Act, with knowledge of current Safeguarding Policies and Procedures
- Knowledge of NHS Continuing Healthcare
- Experience of working in care management with adults
- Experience of assessing and addressing risk
- Able to summarise, analyse and evaluate complex information
- Excellent recording and report writing skills using electronic data information systems
- Effective assessment, planning and reviewing skills, with the ability to prioritise tasks and manage workload
- Awareness of the impact of ill health on quality of life and independence
- Knowledge, experience and understanding of loss, change, bereavement and its impact on individuals and families
- Able to contribute to, and work within, a supportive team environment
- Able to liaise effectively with other agencies and professionals

Desirable

- Experience of multi-agency working
- Able to contribute to personal continuous service development
- Post qualifying experience within a hospital social work setting
- Experience of implementing principles of care management
- Knowledge of resources – health, local authority, voluntary and independent sector

Part B

The following criteria will be further explored at the interview stage (as well as further exploring the above criteria is met):

- Post qualifying experience, including experience in field work and other related experience
- Ability to assimilate, evaluate and prioritise information, including relevant data management skills
- Knowledge of relevant legislation and statutory guidance
- Reliable and self-reliant, but will seek guidance appropriately
- Willingness to undertake further training as required, with a positive approach to self-development
- Organisational skills and the ability to work to tight timescales whilst being detail conscious
- Evidence of good written and verbal communication skills

- Committed to Equal Opportunities and anti-discrimination practice in employment and service delivery

Additional Requirements

- Enhanced DBS Disclosure Certificate
- Suitability to work with client group
- Current HCPC Registration
- Flexible approach to work, location, duties and hours