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| **Job Description** | |
| **Post title** | Telecare Responder |
| **JE Reference No** | N8598 |
| **Grade** | 5 |
| **Service** | Regeneration, Economy & Growth |
| **Service Area** | Transport & Contract Services – Care Connect & CCTV |
| **Reporting to** | Telecare Locality Co-ordinator |
| **Location** | Your normal place of work will be as mentioned in advert, but you may be required to work at any Council workplace within County Durham. |
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| **DBS** | This post **is** subject to an **enhanced disclosure**. |
| **Flexitime** | This post **is not** eligible for flexitime. **Staff must be flexible to work unsociable and additional hours to meet the needs of the Service.** |
| **Politically restricted** | This post **is not** designated as a politically restricted post in accordance with the requirements of Section 1(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and by regulations made from time to time by the Secretary of State. |
| **Car User Status** | The service will provide fleet vehicles. However, if they are not available you will be eligible to claim the appropriate car mileage rate. |

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| **Description of role** |

This post is to be flexible providing support and variation of duties within the Care Connect service.

To maintain and promote independent living to the customer.

To respond to emergency and non emergency calls as relayed by the Control Centre, gaining access, administering first aid when necessary. Carrying out assessment of the incident and contacting emergency services, GPs and next of kin.

To have an in depth knowledge of all Telecare/Telehealth equipment including installation and monitoring.

To carry out annual maintenance checks and complete a full assessment of the customer’s needs offering a choice of service.

To assist in the Control Centre in the monitoring of the Community Alarms and other related functions when not responding to calls.

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| **Duties and responsibilities** |

* To assist in the provision of a monitoring, dispatching and response service in accordance with predefined guidelines, policies and procedures to non urgent and emergency calls from customers. Administering immediate assistance where appropriate and requesting the assistance of the emergency services, agencies, families, carers, etc. when required
* Complete a full assessment of the customer’s needs offering a choice of service
* Have detailed knowledge of other services available in order to sign post the customer to appropriate agencies.
* Collect emergency prescriptions, shopping and pensions in accordance with procedures. Ensure customers are provided with refreshments in an emergency individual situation
* To ensure the customer understand the function of community alarms and telecare/telehealth equipment and provision of a follow-up visit within agreed timescales to ensure the customer has a full understanding of the equipment.
* To have a full understanding of vulnerable groups to identify support needs for customers with various needs including learning, physical and sensory disabilities as well as dementia, mental health or other health problems
* To work in partnership with multi agencies including Social Care and Health, National Health Service (NHS), Carers, GPs, Emergency Services, Registered Social Landlords, (RSL) etc. and where possible conduct joint assessments to ensure the best outcome for the customer.
* To identify and report any ‘safeguarding’ cases through the appropriate channels as stated in Durham County Council’s Safeguarding policy.
* To recognise and respect the independence and dignity of the Care Connect customers
* To have an in depth knowledge of all Telecare/Telehealth equipment including installation, monitoring and ensure that the service equipment is installed as per user manual.
* To install, calibrate and programme a wide range of Telecare and Telehealth equipment in a range of settings and to monitor and provide feedback on the effectiveness of this equipment.
* To report any equipment faults to all relevant parties. Arrange for cleaning and maintenance of all stock
* To carry out annual maintenance and data checks in the customers home.
* To carry out daily vehicle checks, recording and reporting of any defects following DCC policy.
* To assist in the provision of the Care Connect, out of hours service by handling calls appropriately which cover the whole range of the authority’s services
* To ensure that all databases/management systems are utilised correctly within the Data
* Protection Legislation and all relevant information is communicated effectively
* To contribute to marketing events and publicity information as required, including the production of regular case studies for publication
* To undertake and participate in all induction training relevant to job role and any further training identified as essential to maintain competency
* To ensure compliance with the Telecare Service Association (TSA) Code of Practice and all Performance Indicators (PIs) for monitoring and response services

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| **Organisational responsibilities** |

* **Values and behaviours**

To demonstrate and be a role model for the council’s values and behaviours to promote and encourage positive behaviours, enhancing the quality and integrity of the services we provide.

* **Smarter working, transformation and design principles**

To seek new and innovative ideas to work smarter, irrespective of job role, and to be creative, innovative and empowered. Understand the operational impact of transformational change and service design principles to support new ways of working and to meet customer needs.

* **Communication**

To communicate effectively with our customers, managers, peers and partners and to work collaboratively to provide the best possible public service. Communication between teams, services and partner organisations is imperative in providing the best possible service to our public.

* **Health, Safety and Wellbeing**

To take responsibility for health, safety and wellbeing in accordance with the council’s Health and Safety policy and procedures.

* **Equality and diversity**

To promote a society that gives everyone an equal chance to learn, work and live, free from discrimination and prejudice and ensure our commitment is put into practice. All employees are responsible for eliminating unfair and unlawful discrimination in everything that they do.

* **Confidentiality**

To work in a way that does not divulge personal and/or confidential information and follow the council’s policies and procedures in relation to data protection and security of information.

* **Climate Change**

To contribute to our corporate responsibility in relation to climate change by considering and limiting the carbon impact of activities during the course of your work, wherever possible.

* **Performance management**

To promote a culture whereby performance management is ingrained and the highest of standards and performance are achieved by all. Contribute to the council’s Performance and Development Review processes to ensure continuous learning and improvement and to increase organisational performance.

* **Quality assurance (for applicable posts)**

To set, monitor and evaluate standards at individual, team and service level so that the highest standards of service are delivered and maintained. Use data, where appropriate, to enhance the quality of service provision and support decision making processes.

* **Management and leadership (for applicable posts)**

To provide vision and leadership to inspire and empower all employees so they can reach their full potential and contribute to the council’s values and behaviours. Managers and leaders must engage in personal development to ensure they are equipped to lead transformational change; always searching for better ways to do things differently to meet organisational changes and service priorities.

* **Financial management (for applicable posts)**

To manage a designated budget, ensuring that the service achieves value for money in all circumstances through the monitoring of expenditure and the early identification of any financial irregularity.

*The above is not exhaustive and the post holder will be expected to undertake any duties which may reasonably fall within the level of responsibility and the competence of the post as directed by your manager.*

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| Person specification | | |
|  | Essential | Desirable |
| Qualifications | * 4 G.C.S.E grade ‘C’ or equivalent * NVQ 2 Health and Social Care (On commencement of employment it is essential that you undertake this qualification. Completion of the course with the qualification is essential to carry out the role) * Current First Aid certificate (On commencement of employment it is essential that you undertake this training. Completion of the course with the qualification is essential to carry out the role) * Manual Handling (On commencement of employment it is essential that you undertake this training. Completion of the course with the qualification is essential to carry out the role) * Safeguarding (On commencement of employment it is essential that you undertake this training. Completion of the course with the qualification is essential to carry out the role) | * Current First Aid certificate * Manual Handling * Social Care/Health Qualification |
| Experience | * Customer Care background | * Experience of working with vulnerable groups in a supporting capacity * Working in a social care/health background * Ability to work on own initiative or as part of a team |
| Skills & Knowledge | * Ability to drive/full driving license * Admin/clerical skills including ability to gather and record accurate data * Good interpersonal/observation skills * Excellent communication skills including ability to take control in an emergency situation * Knowledge and experience of Information Technology (IT) * Social and interaction skills * Ability to deal with and handle confidential information and sensitive issues | * Knowledge of social alarms and Telecare/Telehealth * Knowledge of local area * Knowledge of work carried out by partner organisations * Knowledge of Performance Indicators (PIs) * Ability to analyse and solve problems * Knowledge/understanding of problems faced by vulnerable groups |
| Personal Qualities | * Patient, sympathetic and caring nature * Respect independence, dignity and confidentiality of customers and staff * Flexibility with regard to hours of work * Must be willing to continuously develop and attend all planned training * Positive and decisive thinking essential. Response to emergency situations/incidents required * Ability to adapt to constant changes in business needs * Must be flexible to work at all Care Connect sites within County Durham |  |