

**Person Specification
Social Worker
Children's Social Care**



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 2 years post qualifying experience in field work including recent statutory experience and evidence of progression.
- Experience of working with children, young people, carers and families to improve outcomes
- Able to create a rapport and build relationships with children, young people and families
- Able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of child development, parenting capacity, environmental factors and risk and protective factors
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
- Commitment to practice informed by systemic theory and methodology
- Able to summarise, analyse and evaluate complex information
- Excellent recording and report writing skills using electronic data information systems
- Demonstrate recent knowledge, understanding and application of relevant legislation and statutory guidance including the Children Acts of 1989 and 2004
- Demonstrate effective assessment, planning and reviewing skills
- Able to prioritise tasks and manage workload
- Able to contribute to, and work within, a supportive team environment
- Able to liaise effectively with other agencies and professionals
- Knowledge and experience of, or a willingness to access training for, Signs of Safety and / or Systemic Practice.
- A sound understanding and knowledge of the DFE Knowledge and Skills statement for post-qualifying social work professionals

Desirable

- Experience of multi-agency working
- Ability to evidence ongoing professional development
- Practice Educator – Stage 1

Part B

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

- A child centred approach to social work practice within legislative and statutory frameworks
- Ability to work effectively with children, families, colleagues and multi-agency partners.
- Ability to assimilate, evaluate and prioritise information, including relevant data management skills
- Ability to provide a balanced response – using your knowledge of relevant legislation, statutory guidance and evidence based practice.
- A collaborative and relational approach to social work.

- 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 Social Work England Registration
- Flexible approach to work, location, duties and hours