

Person Specification

Job Title: Independent Reviewing Officer

Essential Requirements	
Qualifications:	
 Educated to degree level with appropriate professional Social Work qualification i.e. CSS/CQSW or DipSW, MA SW, BA Hons SW and completion of ASYE first year. 	
Current Social Work England Registration.	Application form/Interview
Evidence of continuous professional development.	
 Current driving license and access to a car, or means to mobility support. 	
Experience of :	
 Extensive post qualifying experience of statutory social work within children and families in a statutory and/or third sector setting. 	
 Experience of working across agencies promoting understanding and good practice in relation to children's safeguarding matters, 	Application form/Interview
 Experience of chairing complex meeting within a range of settings 	
Knowledge and skills:	
 Clear knowledge and understanding of Children's Services legislation. 	
 Clear understanding of the IRO Handbook and the role of the IRO in achieving outcomes for children. 	Application form /Interview
 Understanding of the quality assurance role that the IRO has within the wider Safeguarding Agenda. 	

- Experience of working with and across multi-agency professions in delivering a high-quality service for children and families.
- Ability to scrutinise plans for children and challenge areas of drift and delay.

Ability to:

- Share information obtain information and have dialogue with others, either in writing, in person or over the telephone.
- Effectively engage with a range of individuals including children, parents and carers, residential staff and other professionals and colleagues.
- Amalgamate and use information to produce reports in keeping with agency timescales
- Apply knowledge of legislation, research and policy to the practice.
- Identify strengths and indicators of risk to support service development.
- Present and disseminate information to support learning and development for TFC staff and staff from partner agencies.
- Effectively chair and manage meetings.
- Effectively use a PC to write reports/assessments, record information or input data.
- Establish direction and influence others towards shared goals and empower, inspire and motivate individuals.
 Model the social work role, promote social work and decision making within and outside the organisation.
 - Be self-motivated, resilient and committed to excellent practice.
- Take ownership and responsibility arising from own and others to the level of the post.
- Lead by example and promote excellence.
- Meet the travel requirements of the post
- The ability to work outside of normal working hours to meet the needs of the service.

Interview

- Show commitment to Equal Opportunities
- Strategic Perspective Take a long-term view, sets goals, and evaluates the impact of ideas and policy decisions.

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