



## **Job profile**

### **Community Occupational Therapist**

#### **Grade G/J**

**Group:** Care, Wellbeing and Learning

**Service:** Adult Social Care

**Location:** Civic Centre

**Line Manager:** Senior Occupational Therapist

**Car User Status:** N/A

#### **Job Purpose**

To undertake specialist assessments of the needs of disabled people with severe disabilities and life limiting conditions, disabled adults and older persons and their carers in line with the Care Act 2014 with the aim of improving and maintaining their level of independence in the community by providing Occupational Therapy interventions, including advice, equipment and adaptations delivery.

#### **The key roles of this post will include:**

1. To work in partnership with service users and carers to plan, implement and evaluate services provided on the basis of assessed risks and needs.
2. To carry out comprehensive assessment of cases requiring the specialist knowledge of an Occupational Therapist for the provision of major adaptations in service user's homes.
3. To recommend and organise the provision of specialist equipment and instruct service users, carers and care providers in the use of such equipment.
4. To provide specialist advice and guidance to other professionals in relation to the needs of the service users, carers and care providers.
5. To liaise effectively with relevant agencies to ensure appropriate service provision.
6. To prepare accurate reports and make firm recommendations for consideration by Senior Officers of Gateshead Council in relation to major adaptations consideration and provision.
7. To adhere to the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Standards of the College of Occupational Therapy.



8. To undertake Continuous Professional Development in line with the Health and Care Professions Council
  
9. To assist in the training and supervision of OT support staff to ensure effective and efficient service delivery in line with Gateshead Council policy.
10. To anticipate in the delivery of an Occupational Therapy duty service.
  
11. To be proactive in the developmental aspects of service delivery.
12. To personally maintain standards and competencies in order to base service delivery on accurate and current information in the interest of quality care.
13. Such responsibilities which are appropriate to the grade of the post.



## Knowledge & Qualifications

### Essential:

#### Knowledge

- Knowledge and understanding of relevant Adult Social Care, and Housing Legislation.
- Knowledge and understanding of current legislation affecting the provision of specialist equipment and adaptations.
- Knowledge and understanding of the effects of disability on, adults and older people and their carers.

#### Experience

- Working in a health or social care setting.
- Working with both children and adults.
- Good communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Good IT skills
- Good assessment and problem-solving skills.
- An understanding of the complexity of rehabilitation and enablement.

#### Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy or equivalent.
- Registered with HCPC and BAOT.
- Current UK driving licence and access to car or means of mobility support.

### Desirable:

#### Knowledge

- Knowledge of community equipment and adaptations.
- Knowledge of current moving and handling techniques.

#### Experience

- Experience in a community setting.
- Experience of using Carefirst System.
- Supervisory experience with support staff and students.

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## Competencies

<b>Customer Focus</b>	Puts the customer first and provides excellent service to both internal and external customers
<b>Communication</b>	Uses appropriate methods to express information in a clear and concise way to make sure people understand
<b>Team Working</b>	Works with others to achieve results and develop good working relationships
<b>Making things happen</b>	Takes responsibility for personal organisation and achieving results
<b>Flexibility</b>	Adapts to change and works effectively in a variety of situations
<b>Learning and Development</b>	Actively improves by developing and applying new skills and knowledge and learns from past experiences