

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Social Worker/Senior Social Worker</b>
<b>Team/Service Area:</b>	<b>Localities Children's Social Care</b>
<b>Salary/Grade:</b>	<b>Grade 7/8</b>
<b>Line Manager:</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>
<b>Direct Reports:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Your normal place of work will be Sandhill but you may be required to work at any Company recognised workplace.</b>

## About Us

Established in 2017, Together for Children Sunderland is on a mission to improve services in social care, early help and education and engage the whole community in giving children and young people in Sunderland the best possible opportunity to thrive.

Our dedicated workforce strives to make a difference, irrespective of our work vocation or specialism.

We value diversity and actively seek candidates from all backgrounds, including various ages, disabilities, neurodiverse individuals, gender identities, sexual orientations, religions, beliefs, races, and cultural backgrounds. Our inclusive workplace culture fosters collaboration and excellence.

Find out more: [Find out more - Together for Children](#)

## About the Role

- To safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Build relationships with children, young people, their families and networks, and work directly with them to undertake assessments of Children in Need and Children in Need of Protection, Cared for Children and work to progress plans within PLO and Care Proceedings. This will help us understand what life is like for them and how we can support them and their networks to make long lasting changes.
- You would do this in line with the relevant policies and procedures in place within Together for Children and Sunderland Safeguarding Board which support us to keep children and young people safe.
- This role is exempt from the Rehabilitation Offenders Act 1974 and therefore

requires a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check.

## Key Responsibilities

- Work with a number of children and families, to understand any worries or things which may pose a risk to them alongside identifying strengths and safety they have within the network of people around them, taking into account family diversity and equality. You will be able to work in partnership with other professionals who help and support the child to gather information, show professional curiosity and show that you can understand the impact when analysing the information. This will help us to form family led plans to manage the worries and risks and keep children safe.
- Support children who are not able to safely live with their parents/carers to find people to care for them to keep them safe and make sure that they can stay connected to those important to them. You will understand the importance of working in this way and have opportunities to develop the skills you need and the tools that will help you do this.
- You will understand and have experience in the legal and court process that guide us to make the best decisions for children and young people. You will be an advocate for the children you support and be passionate about maximising a child's life experiences to improve their overall outcomes and be balanced in your approach.
- Regularly review and make sure that the plans in place are led by the family and are in the child's best interests and that everyone is doing what they need to be. You will make sure that the right services are in place and that children get the support they need when they need it.
- Make sure that you record what you do in a timely and accurate way, using language that the child and family will understand. Your recordings and written work will demonstrate how and why decisions were made and will be in line with Together for Children's practice standards.
- Everything you do will be in line with the Signs of Safety approach, you will commit to the continuous development of your skills and embrace the training and development opportunities that you are offered within Together for Children
- To safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- Champion equity, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of your work and the communities you assist.



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## Our Expectations

You must undertake this role in accordance with the requirements set out below:

- Comply with Together for Children's Code of Conduct, People policies and procedures, Health and Safety Policy and EDI Statement.
- Uphold all relevant professional policies, standards and legislative requirements
- Adhere to the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR principles in relation to the management and handling of personal and/or sensitive information and respect the privacy of personal information managed by Together for Children Sunderland.
- Comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This job description is a guide to the duties you will be expected to perform. It is not an exhaustive list, and you may be required to undertake other tasks and duties not listed that are reasonably commensurate with the job role and grade of the post. Where a fundamental change to the job description is needed this will be discussed with the postholder prior to any changes being made

**Date: February 2025**



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## Person Specification – Social Worker/Senior Social Worker

The requirements for this post and how candidates will be assessed are set out below.

Essential Requirements	Method of Assessment
<p><b>Qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educated to degree level with appropriate professional Social</li> <li>• Work qualification i.e. CSS/CQSW or DipSW, MA SW, BA Hons SW.</li> <li>• Current Social Work England Registration</li> <li>• Current driving licence and access to a car or means to mobility support</li> <li>• Evidence of continuous professional development.</li> <li>• Completion of ASYE (desirable)</li> </ul>	Application Form
<p><b>Knowledge and Understanding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social care legislation, with current safeguarding policies and procedures.</li> <li>• Children Act 1989 and 2004.</li> </ul>	Application Form
<p><b>Skills and Abilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of one year's post qualifying experience.</li> <li>• Statutory social work with children and families</li> <li>• Working within childcare legislation relating to child protection, cared for children and the services we provide to children in need.</li> <li>• Must have experience of working with children, young people and families within the Children Act 1989 and 2014</li> <li>• Working with other professionals involved with children and their families.</li> <li>• Undertaking child protection enquiries; planning and organising workload to meet statutory timescales</li> <li>• Managing, planning, and organising an allocated workload</li> <li>• Handling problems and difficult situations calmly and sensitively to help keep children safe.</li> </ul>	Interview



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**Other Requirements**

- Commitment to Equal Opportunities

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