Multi Systematic Therapy (MST) Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Therapist Temporary until September 2026 37 hours (with on call rota duties) Across Flintshire and Wrexham G06 £37,938 - £40,476

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an MST-CAN Therapist to join the newly developed MST-CAN Team, to deliver comprehensive Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) interventions in North-East Wales. An ideal opportunity for a therapeutically minded Social Worker looking to get back to the grass roots of social work, and work in a trauma informed way with children and young people on the Child Protection Register, and their families.

Flintshire County Council in partnership with Wrexham County Borough Council, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCU) and supported by MST UK & Ireland, are part of a funded pilot programme from the Youth Endowment Fund which is running from October 2024 to September 2026. This pilot will have an external evaluation led by Universities of Kent and Teesside.

MST-CAN is a therapeutic approach requiring intensive work with families at their homes for up to nine months. This work is undertaken with complex cases where there is a child or young person aged 6 - 17 living at home who are subject to a Child Protection Plan due to child abuse and neglect and who is at risk of entering care.

MST-CAN works to address specific problems and risk factors that brought the family to the attention of Children's Services. The major goals are to keep families together, assure that children are safe, prevent abuse and neglect and reduce mental health difficulties experienced by adults and children, including addressing the impact of past trauma and increase natural support networks.

MST-CAN adopts an intensive approach (numerous sessions per week) and works with families in their natural ecology (their home, school and wider community) rather than in a clinical setting. Appointments are made to meet the family's needs and an MST-CAN Practitioner is available 24/7 to all families in treatment through an on-call rota.

Welsh speaking and writing skills are desirable

As one of the largest employers in Flintshire, we offer a minimum of 34 days' (pro rata) annual leave including bank holidays, increasing up to 41 days (pro rata) • Access to the Local Government Pension Scheme • Generous family friendly and work-life balance schemes • Hybrid working (role specific) • Access to a range of development opportunities • Free employee assistance programme (EAP) • Cycle to Work Scheme • Discounts across UK retailers.

Secondments will be considered as part of this process. Stage one interviews will be held on 04/06/2025 and, if successful, stage two interviews will be held on 05/06/2025

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