



JOB DESCRIPTION	
Job Title	Social Worker
Portfolio	Social Services
Reports to	Team Manager
Location	County Offices, Flint
Job Reference/ID Number	
Job Purpose	
To provide a comprehensive social work service in a variety of settings within a framework of relevant legislation and procedures, supporting children, young people, families and groups within the community. Social Workers will take responsibility for a caseload according to qualifications and experience.	

Principal Accountabilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To form, develop and maintain professional relationships with children and young people and their families through direct casework, supervision, shared activity and counselling, in such a way that the child/young person's family's needs are met.• To provide a service, which meets primary needs, promotes development, and assists behavioural difficulties and vulnerabilities• To identify and assess risk of abuse, failure to protect, or harm to children.• To advise senior managers as to any concerns in respect of children/young people with particular reference to there being at risk of abuse or harm.• To identify, contribute to and suggest ideas for good practice and its development, and to take a lead in a special area of responsibility.• To value, recognise and respect the diversity, expertise and experience of individuals, families and carers and enable them to make informed decisions and express their needs.• To challenge discrimination, disadvantage and other forms of inequality, injustice and oppressive practice.• To maximise the financial and material resources available to service users and carer(s) from all possible sources and ensure value for money care packages.• Ensure that service users and carers are aware of the Department's Complaints procedures.• To case manage child protection work.• To understand the changing culture, health and social needs of the locality to inform current and future practice and service provision.• To establish good practice by example• To provide verbal and written information to aid care planning activities and to provide evidence for assessment of need and care plan approaches.• To implement designated actions from care plans.• To gather and interpret information on agreed criteria related to the care of a client or implementation of procedures.• To lead meetings to define care planning activities and to evaluate evidence for assessment of need and care plan approaches.

- To set up mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating delegated actions from care plans.
- To derive and interpret information related to the care of a service user or implementation of procedures
- To communicate effectively and in the best interests of the client in case conferences, planning meetings, discussions with clients/families, inter-agency personnel, team members and in staff supervision.
- If required, to give evidence in court in relation to care.
- To work within established protocols, negotiate expectations/roles in liaison with others, e.g. in the key worker role / in multi agency working.
- To represent the Team as required on behalf of a service user - this includes representing individuals and the dept/team in meetings/conference.
- To attend child protection meetings.
- To appropriately challenge the judgements and decisions of others where there is evidence that the needs of those you are working with are not being met.

Administration & Record-keeping

- To produce clear, precise and understandable records, reports and other documentation within the framework of record-keeping laid down by the Department and Team Management including the preparation and provision of specialist reports as required.
- To ensure that legislation and procedures are adhered to.
- To monitor and check standards.

Service Improvement ideas & Implementation of Changes

- To contribute ideas on improvements to system and service delivery based on a monitored approach.
- To update self on professional developments, and continually improve own skills and manage own professional development
- To adhere to all policies and procedures of the Team, the Department and the Local Authority, with particular regard to Health & Safety, Lone Working Policy, Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discriminatory Practice.
- To identify, contribute to and suggest ideas for good practice and their development. To implement agreed principles of good practice.

Supervision/Management of People
Not applicable
Employment Checks/Specific Requirement i.e. DBS
DBS, Social Care Wales registration
Special Working Conditions
None

Person Specification		
<i>The person specification sets out the skill, knowledge and experience that are considered to be necessary to perform the role and will be used in short-listing both at application and interview stage. It is therefore important that you demonstrate on your application how you meet all of the essential requirements.</i>		
Academic/ Professional Qualification	Essential / Desirable	How this will be assessed?
Social Work Qualification	Essential	Application
Knowledge and Experience		
The post holder needs to be knowledgeable and understand the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Children Act 1989 and 2004 * Social Services and Well Being Act (2014) Wales * Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 * Mental Health Act * Children and Adoption Act 2005 * Health and Safety Legislation * Mental Capacity Act * Human Rights Act * All Wales Child Protection Procedures * Domestic Violence Legislation * Child-care Procedures 	Essential	Application/Interview
Experience of liaising with external agencies	Essential	Application/Interview
Ability to work under general guidance and direction to ensure outcomes are met.	Essential	Application/Interview
A high standard of communication skills - verbal and written.	Essential	Application/Interview
Ability to work as part of a team	Essential	Application/Interview
Skills		
It is essential that the post-holder has a high level of personal skills; and is able to deal with conflict, is able to negotiate.	Essential	Application/Interview
Good organisational skills are required.	Essential	Application/Interview
Commitment to joint working with Health and other partner agencies/colleagues.	Essential	Application/Interview
The post-holder will need to have the proven ability to think ahead and to identify potential problems and work out alternative approaches.	Essential	Application/Interview

Flintshire County Council Core Behavioral Competencies	Essential	How this will be assessed?
Customer First: Understand our customers (internal and external) and deliver high quality services to meet and exceed their expectation.	Essential	Application/Interview
Working Smarter: Being clear about what you are expected to deliver in your job and have the skills, motivation, enthusiasm and commitment to work effectively.	Essential	Application/Interview
Working Together/Partnership: Building and maintaining positive relationships in order to deliver better services for our customers and employees.	Essential	Application/Interview
Communication: Ensuring we understand each other, respect each other express and share ideas and information clearly.	Essential	Application/Interview
Change: Adapting to change and introducing better ways of doing things, through generating ideas and seeking out the best way to deliver our service.	Essential	Application/Interview
Leading and Managing: Leads and motivates self and others to continually improve performance.	Essential	Application/Interview