



Coventry City Council

Job Description

Post:	Deputy Manager (Children's Home)	Job Number:	
Service:	Children's Residential Service	Post Number:	
Location:	Coventry-wide but assigned to specific home	Grade:	7

Our values:

We expect everyone who works for us to be committed to our One Coventry values and to share our commitment to becoming a more diverse and inclusive organisation.

Job Purpose:

To achieve positive outcomes for children in care and their families, through the delivery of high quality children's residential care

To assist and support the Registered Manager in the day to day management of all operational activity within the designated service area in accordance with legislative and policy requirements.

To deputise in the absence of the Registered Manager across the full range of activity within the designated service area and ensure the provision of a high quality 24 hours/ 7-day service which is capable of responding as required to demand, including out of office hours

To make an active contribution to ensuring all systems and functions of the homes comply with the Children Act, other relevant legislation and the Children's Homes Regulations

To provide a safe environment for young people who are in need of protection or who exhibit challenging behaviours

To take a designated lead role for any areas of practice within the home as directed by the Registered Manager

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- To work with the Registered Manager and contribute to the planning, delivery and review of services within residential care. To monitor and maintain standards against agreed criteria and objectives and to implement quality assurance systems, which reflect agreed good practice, involve users and reflect City Council equal opportunities policy and legislative requirements.
- To participate in a managers ON-CALL rota within the Residential children's homes service providing oral and physical support where necessary out of on-duty hours.
- To take part in the formal programme of service and establishment inspections.
- To provide effective support to staff team/s. Identify gaps in knowledge and skills and support with the implementation of training plans and have overview of individual professional development via Personal Development Reviews.

- To report to the Registered Manager or Service Manager on those matters which may require more senior management decision, or might have wider implications for the service or the authority.
- To support the Registered Manager in managing the Home's budget within guidance and policy as set out by the City Council
- To manage resources effectively, including staffing, buildings, equipment etc , under the Children's Home Regulations and City Council Policy and Procedures.
- In the absence of the Registered Manager, co-ordinate, attend and, where appropriate, chair service, staff and user meetings as required.
- To work in a co-operative manner with other agencies to achieve joint objectives and provide complementary services.
- To ensure effective communication with all staff through written information, team briefings and management meetings.
- To provide formal staff supervision in accordance with agreed policies.
- To contribute to training plans which reflect the objectives and targets of the service and which promote and maintain a learning culture within the workplace. To undertake essential training to fulfil this.
- To participate in the recruitment and selection of employees and their induction and post-appointment assessment at the appropriate level in accordance with agreed procedure.
- To provide necessary information as required and to ensure recording systems meet procedural and legislative requirements for finance, fire precautions and other records.
- To be personally responsible for anti-oppressive care practices.
- To adhere to existing working practices, methods, procedures, undertake relevant training and development activities and to respond positively to new and alternative systems
- It will be necessary to work with information technology and associated systems in accordance with Council policies.
- To maintain confidentiality and observe data protection and associated guidelines where appropriate.
- Any other duties and responsibilities within the range of the salary grade. This is a city –wide appointment and the post-holder may be required to work in other locations as required

The post holder must comply with Coventry City Council's health and safety policy and in particular is required:-

- To take reasonable care for their own health and safety at work and of those who may be affected by their actions or by their omissions
- To cooperate with their line manager and senior management, to work safely, to comply with health and safety instructions and information and undertake appropriate health and safety training as required
- Not to intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare

- To report to their manager any health and safety concerns, hazardous condition or defect in the health and safety arrangements.

Any further Health and Safety responsibilities relevant to this post will be set out in the offer letter and Written Statement of Particulars

The post holder must comply with the Interagency procedures of the Safeguarding Boards and Coventry City Council's policies for safeguarding children and safeguarding adults and in particular is required:-

- To ensure they are aware of the signs that may suggest a child or vulnerable adult is being abused or neglected
- To report to their manager, or other appropriate manager, any concerns they may have that suggest that a child or vulnerable adult may be being abused or neglected immediately

Any further Safeguarding Board responsibilities relevant to this post will be set out in the offer letter and Written Statement of Particulars

Post holders will be accountable for carrying out all duties and responsibilities with due regard to the City Council's Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

Duties which include processing of any personal data must be undertaken within the corporate data protection guidelines.

Responsible for: Residential care staff

Responsible to: Registered Childrens Home Manager (Children's Residential Services)

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Knowledge:	The full range of needs of young people who become 'looked after'. Including:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A knowledge of relationships – how to create, sustain and end them; what causes breakdowns and the problems associated with dysfunctional relationships. Able to advise staff of appropriate strategies to use in direct work with children/young people and their families. • An understanding of the various reasons children/young people come into care and the various pathways into care.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good understanding of the legal, procedural and policy context of residential child care.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of Health and Safety at Work and how to draw up and implement relevant risk assessments. • Knowledge of Local Safeguarding Board procedures and the risk management of children/young people who are/may be at risk .

Skills and Abilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to support the Registered manager in ensuring staff work in an anti-discriminatory/anti oppressive way and ensure that staff are able to develop a good understanding of these values and how they should be incorporated into day to day work.
	Management skills e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to represent the organisation in a professional and credible manner. • Demonstrate effective time- management, organisational and planning skills. • Able to work on own initiative but seek support when necessary,
	Leadership skills e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be able to support the staff team through challenging times such as a particularly difficult resident group or an unpopular change process. Lead and facilitate any debrief as required in the absence of the Registered manager. • Able to advise and support the Registered manager in matters of poor/performance or discipline of front line staff. • Able to make decisions in complex circumstances.

	<p>Team building e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work in conjunction with others in the team and direct the work of colleagues where appropriate. • Ability to promote and develop the professional skill base of the team members. • Able to work on own in initiative and in partnership with the Registered manager
	<p>Staff development –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to provide formal and informal supervision, identify appropriate Personal Development plans and ensure their implementation and review as necessary. • Able to support staff in developing skills and knowledge. • Able to assist the Registered Manager identifying and incorporating the homes training plan into the yearly business plan.
	<p>Communication - written and verbal – e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate skills in communicating effectively via written reports, email, media presentations, multi professional meetings etc. • Able to hold discussions with parents, children, colleagues and other professionals and present cases and pass on information coherently. Support the Registered manager in ensuring information they may need to provide is factual and accurate. • Able to act as chairperson in meetings relating to staff or young people in the absence of the Registered manager.
	<p>To provide care and control, including emotional support and appropriate boundaries to behaviour e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to understand the complexities of group living, able to lead and facilitate group work in the absence of the Registered manager and advise and support staff with 1-2-1 direct work. • Able to anticipate, diffuse and deal appropriately with situations of verbal and physical conflict and restrain young people when necessary as indicated by legislation and local guidelines. • Able to support staff in encouraging service users to express their wishes and needs and act as advocate when necessary.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to assess needs, plan and implement care programmes, ensure PEPs, Placement plans ,care plans and Pathway plans are appropriate to the needs of the young person and in line with the homes objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to support the Registered manager and all aspects of the homes financing/budgets as per City Council procedures.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to support the Registered Manager in implementing the appropriate procedures for the recruitment and selection of employees and their induction and post-appointment assessment in agreement with agreed procedures.

Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive experience of direct work with young people who may present with challenging behaviours
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven experience of working in a children's residential setting.
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Educational:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional qualification relevant to working with children, which must be at minimum level 3 NVQ
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Special Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This post is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such appointment to this post will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory response to a check of police records via Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).
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