

# **Job Focus**

## **Senior Practitioner**

### **Corporate Parenting – Placement Support Team**

#### **Grade 12**

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Working alongside CAMHS Practitioners as part of a multi-disciplinary team, this role involves undertaking a variety of tasks aimed at supporting the positive emotional, psychological and mental health of children and young people, who are in contact with children's services in the Kirklees area.

#### **Context**

Facilitating regular consultation clinics alongside CAMHS Practitioners. The clinics offer a reflective space for those working with the child or young person where their needs and strengths are considered, to inform a plan of support for either or both the child and those caring for them. The clinics can be attended by anyone in the professional network who is involved in care provision for the child or young person.

#### **Specific Requirements**

##### ***Duties***

Attending Placement Stability Meetings to contribute to effective planning to help maintain existing placements.

Role model and promote restorative practice, to encourage reflection and appropriate responses to a child's emotional needs and the impact of trauma.

Offering direct support to carers. The support available is tailored to be responsive to the needs of the carers and the child alike. We often start with work whereby we revisit the child's journey into care, their chronological experiences and the impact that this has upon their attachment style. We then follow this up with advice regarding therapeutic parenting strategies.

Undertaking direct work with children to help promote their emotional wellbeing.

Delivering supervision to staff teams at Kirklees Residential Units alongside the team's Clinical Psychologist.

Undertaking systemic family assessments and facilitating regular professional meetings in cases that are considered to be particularly complex.

Undertaking sensory assessments for Looked After Children and provision of support to carers and children / young people to undertake the recommended activities.

Presenting information at Foster Carer support groups regarding the support services that are available to them.

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Undertaking direct work with newly approved carers to help them understand the needs of Looked After Children and their responsibility to tailor the care that they provide to meet the identified support needs of individual children.

Provision of a range of support to Social Workers to consider the impact of trauma upon the development of the children with whom they are working to inform appropriate care planning.

Attending and contributing to a variety of meetings including LAC Reviews, strategy discussions and professionals meetings.

This Job Focus is intended to provide an understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities of this particular job. It is not possible to specify every detail and we expect you to work flexibly within your skills, knowledge, experience and grade of this job.