

Job Focus

You would work closely alongside the Mockingbird implementation team manager as part of this new and exciting development within the Fostering Service, undertaking a variety of tasks aimed at promoting and developing the Mockingbird Project in Kirklees. Once the first hub is established you will have the role of Liaison Worker (Supervising social worker) for this foster carer who will be acting as the hub home carer and a number of other foster carers within or outside of this cluster.

Context

This is a new initiative in Kirklees where we have obtained the license to establish and set up the Mockingbird family model of care for Looked After Children & Young People in foster care. Many local authorities across the country have established this model and we are receiving support and working very closely alongside The Fostering Network with the setting up of this project.

Specific Requirements

We are looking for an experienced social worker with:

- An in-depth understanding of the Fostering Service Regulations and of working in the role of supervising social worker of foster carers.
- Confidence and experience in delivering training, information and presentations to a range of professionals and foster carers.
- An awareness and understanding of how groups function.
- An ability to speak to different stakeholders e.g. senior managers and elected members about the model and how it is being delivered in Kirklees.
- Team working skills alongside colleagues in the supervisory social work team.
- A proactive approach to project development.
- An interest and possibly previous experience of the Mockingbird model of working within a fostering service or independent fostering agency.

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.