



Cumberland Council

Post Specification

Date	December 2023
PG Number	2081
Post Title	Social Worker
Job Family	People Care and Development
Job Family Role Profile	PCD10ii
Final Grade	Grade 11 (inc JWC's)

To be read in conjunction with the job family role profile

Service Area description
Children and Families Service
Purpose of this post
To improve outcomes for Children and Young People in Cumbria by listening to the voice of the child, young person and their families, understanding their needs and working together to agree how these needs will be met with the right help and support. To deliver complex service /support and to individuals and groups and to improve community capacity and /or service users well being and /or skills
Key job specific accountabilities
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To use active listening, observation and communication to build relationships with families, children and young people2. To understand and analyse the needs of children and young people and families by gathering information through direct work with them3. To identify and assess complexity and seriousness through investigation and analysis of information within children's services procedures.4. To understand the impact of need in order to formulate child based plans with clear outcomes5. To ensure practice is informed by evidence and theory6. To understand the roles and accountabilities of other professionals in order to ensure the appropriate services are provided to meet the identified needs7. To share skills and knowledge to build capacity with other professionals across all agencies and identify gaps in provision8. To evaluate own practice and identify need for professional support and development9. To be open to engage in peer support and challenge10. To keep appropriate records that describe and support an analysis of the child's experience clearly identify the child's voice and demonstrate any decision making rationale11. Conduct work in accordance with social work core values, Children's Services policies and procedures, the Council's core values and corporate standards including anti oppressive practice approaches12. Undertake travel in and around the county as part of their duty13. Undertake such other duties and responsibilities commensurate with the grading and nature of the post14. Ensure that the District is at all times pursuing good individual relations and fair personnel, health and safety, equal opportunity and management practices. To take reasonable care of your own health and safety

15. Enhance the Council's image within the community by promoting awareness of services and achievements and encourage greater public participation
16. Accept budget and finance responsibilities to ensure services work within agreed budget and within Corporate policy guidelines and practices
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Please note annual targets will be discussed during the appraisal process

Key facts and figures of the post

Budget Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept budget and finance responsibilities to ensure services work within agreed budget and within Corporate policy guidelines and practices
Staff Management Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Essential Criteria - Qualifications, knowledge, experience and expertise

- Social Work Degree/CSS/DipSW
- Social Work England Registration
- Evidence of continuing professional development in social care/social work post qualification.
- Evidence of successful completion of ASYE portfolio
- Knowledge of Assessment and Case Management Processes and outcome based planning
- Knowledge of relevant legislation
- Some experience in work with children and families, pre/post or during qualification
- Ability to work as part of multi disciplinary team with internal and external colleagues – sharing and co-ordinating resources
- Ability to plan work and meet deadlines
- Ability to produce clear written reports
- Work directly with vulnerable children
- Liaise with external and internal partners on day-to-day service issues.
- Clear and concise verbal skills with children and adults
- Ability to assess and manage some risk effectively
- Professional integrity, reliability and consistency
- Explicit use of social work values e.g. ability to work in a non-discriminatory manner, respecting individual's rights and choices
- Ability to work under pressure and emotional stress effectively
- Ability to undertake extensive travelling in the designated area.
- Enhanced CRB Clearance
- Flexible working hours
- Knowledge of Children's Services assessment tools (Desirable)
- Experience in child protection (Desirable)

Disclosure and Barring Service – DBS Checks

- This post requires a DBS check.
- The level of check required is:
 - DBS Enhanced - Children & Adults

Job working circumstances

Emotional Demands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job related actions will periodically cause genuine distress to others or in major conflict with their wishes.
Physical Demands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal requirement for county wide travel and carry laptop and small pieces of equipment
Working Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific abusive language and aggressive behaviour witnessed regularly, directed at postholder occasionally. • Working in an uncontrolled, challenging environment, in individuals homes • Lone working required

Other Factors

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