

Lancashire County Council

Job description for the post of: Social Worker

Directorate: Adult and Community Services

Location: Burnley

Establishment or

Social Care Service

**Post
number:**

team:

Grade: Scale 8

Line manager: Team Manager

Car user: Y

**Staff
responsibility: 0**

**Number of staff directly
supervised: 0**

The purpose of this job:

To provide a strengths based, outcome focussed assessment service to all adults (with the exception of adult mental health) across community and hospital settings.

The post holder will be required to:

- Provide a professional social work service, including statutory social care responsibilities
- Contribute to service delivery that is strengths based and outcome focussed with an emphasis on promoting independence and enabling recovery
- Work collaboratively with other professionals and agencies to address complex needs and achieve the most ideal outcomes for individuals and their carers that supports their choice and independence
- Work collaboratively with health colleagues to ensure safe and timely discharges from hospital, to the most appropriate service and setting for the individual

Core tasks

1. To deliver a professional Social Work service.
2. To contribute to the delivery of strengths based social care service as outlined in national legislation and guidance and in line with county policies and procedures
3. To contribute to the provision of high quality assessments and support plans for individuals, in consultation with the person and their carer.
4. To work collaboratively with health colleagues to ensure safe and timely discharges from hospital the most appropriate service and setting for the individual that actively supports their choice and independence.
5. To promote the creative and flexible use of personal budgets to appropriately meet the needs of customers and carers
6. To communicate effectively with customers, carers, other agencies and professionals to support the delivery of a co-ordinated response to customer and carer needs
7. To effectively prioritise and manage your caseload.
8. To keep accurate records in relation to the contact and work undertaken, using electronic record systems (Liquid Logic) and other relevant ICT systems.
9. To contribute to effective team working and to service development and to work with management to identify improvements that could be introduced to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Directorate
10. To undertake continuous professional development including attendance at formal training

The post holder is expected to carry out their duties and responsibilities in accordance with the County Council's Policies and Procedures and the Directorate's Statement of Principles and Standards of Conduct.

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Date:	September 2017
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Equal opportunities

We are committed to achieving equal opportunities in the way we deliver services to the community and in our employment arrangements. We expect all employees to understand and promote this policy in their work.

Health and safety

All employees have a responsibility for their own health and safety and that of others when carrying out their duties and must cooperate with us to apply our general statement of health and safety policy.

Safeguarding Commitment

We are committed to protecting and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Customer Focus We put our customers' needs and expectations at the heart of all that we do. We expect our employees to have a full understanding of those needs and expectations so that we can provide high quality, appropriate services at all times.

Skills Pledge

We are committed to developing the skills of our workforce. All employees will be supported to work towards a level 2 qualification in literacy and /or numeracy if they do not have one already.

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Person specification form		
Job title: Social Worker	Grade: Grade 8	
Directorate: Adult and Community Services	Post number:	
Establishment or team: Adult Social Care Older People and Physical Disability Team - Burnley		
Requirements (based on the job description)	Essential (E) or desirable (D)	To be identified by: application form (AF), interview (I), test (T), or other (give details)
Qualifications		
SW, CSS, DipSW or Social Work Degree	E	AF/I
Current Social Work England registration	E	AF/I
Experience	E	AF/I
Accepting referrals.	E	AF/I
Gathering information.	E	AF/I
Assessing the needs of individuals and their families	E	AF/I
Work in a Social Services Directorate or other Statutory or Voluntary Agency.	D	AF/I
Work with a range of client groups within an Agency.	D	AF/I
Managing a caseload	E	AF/I
Determining priorities	E	AF/I
Working as a member of a team	E	AF/I
Knowledge, skills and abilities		
Knowledge of legislation relating to general social work practice	E	AF/I
Experience in assessing and analysing need and risk and planning care with individuals.	E	AF/I
Experience in working effectively with other agencies and professionals.	E	AF/I
Working understanding of relevant legislation and its application and ability to work within legal framework and accountability.	E	AF/I
IT literate, experience in using manual and computer systems for record keeping.	E	AF/I
Negotiating and networking with a range of professionals. Numerate and able to contribute to management of budgets and resources.	E	AF/I
Organisational skills, able to prioritise and manage a generic case load and work independently under pressure.	E	AF/I
A demonstrable understanding and acceptance of the principles underlying equal opportunities and diversification and a commitment to achieving these.	E	AF/I
Effective written and oral communication skills appropriate to the situation.	E	AF/I

A commitment to improving practice standards and personal competencies through continuous professional development, and use of supervision and appraisal to improve personal performance.	E	AF/I
To have the ability to value diversity and work across cultures.	E	AF/I
Ability to informally train and mentor less experienced staff	E	AF/I
Ability to influence others based on technical or professional expertise.	E	AF/I
Other (including special requirements)		
1. Commitment to equality and diversity	E	I
2. Commitment to health and safety	E	I
3. The County Council operates a general no smoking policy.		
4. This is an essential car user post and the post holder is expected to be able to drive and have a car at their disposal. However in certain circumstances consideration may be given to applicants who as a consequence of disability are unable to drive.	E	I
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Note: We will always consider your references before confirming a job offer in writing.		

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PRE-EMPLOYMENT RISK IDENTIFICATION FORM (R.I.F.)

(NB Completion of this form does not fulfill the requirement to undertake a general risk assessment under the management Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999)

A Pre-employment Risk Identification Form must be completed by the Head of Service/ Headteacher/Line Manager. If any assistance is required in completing this form, please contact the Health and Safety Team.

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Team/Establishment	Adult Social Care
Post title	Social Worker
Description of main activities the employee will be required to undertake (or attach role profile) - see role profile above	
Form completed by: Yvette McGurn	

A. The post to which this form refers will or may involve one or more of the following activities. (Please indicate YES or NO)

Managers should note that if any of the following 10 activities are involved, there is an automatic requirement for a pre-employment assessment by Occupational Health and, possibly, for subsequent Health Surveillance.

		YES	NO
1	Work at heights (e.g. over 2m from tall step/extension ladders; scaffold towers, roofwork etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
2	Work in excessively noisy environments above statutory control limits (Highly unlikely to include examples associated with any office environments. Examples might include use of woodworking machinery, road drilling, masonry cutting etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
3	Work in unusual environmental conditions (e.g. where access or egress or free flow of air may be restricted or where there may be a build up of gases, vapours or fumes or the use of breathing apparatus is required).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
4	Use of hand operated tools and equipment known to be associated with hand arm vibration syndrome (e.g. percussive metalworking tool; rotary handheld tool [not floor polishers]; grinders; percussive hammers and drills etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
5	Driving a heavy goods vehicle, coach, bus or minibus belonging to Lancashire County Council, transporting others in their own vehicle, or regularly transporting more than three other people as part of normal duties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
6	Some contact with hazardous substances (e.g. chemicals with an orange warning label indicating: very toxic; toxic; harmful; corrosive; sensitising by inhalation/skin contact; carcinogenic; mutagenic; toxic for reproduction; professional bio/pesticides; organophosphates; gluteraldehyde; latex gloves).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
7	Prolonged or frequent exposure to machine generated wood dust, or other heavy or excessive concentrations of mineral dust.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
8	Work with lead or lead-based products (e.g. some paints).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
9	Food handling/preparation (of raw or uncooked food only).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
10	Occupational fieldwork or work in extreme conditions (e.g. involving excessive heat or cold or frequent walking for long distances over rough terrain in all weather conditions, forestry/countryside work).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

B. The post to which this form refers will or may involve one or more of the following activities. (Please indicate YES or NO)

This section is for the information of applicants and does not facilitate a referral to Occupational Health.

		YES	NO
11	Face to face contact with the public/service users (e.g. at sensitive front line posts re abuse, aggression, assault).	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Working in isolation/lone working.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Work with electrical wiring (e.g. colour blindness).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
14	Work where there may be an increased risk of needlestick injuries or blood borne infections HIV; Hepatitis B; Hepatitis C: (e.g. site supervisors; site work, grounds or buildings maintenance, gardeners; some carers).	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Work that may bring the employee into contact with rats, rat contaminated ground or other animals or livestock (e.g. risk of weils disease, other animal borne diseases, zoonoses).	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Manual handling (other than routine office/administrative lifting and carrying e.g. assisting / moving service users with mobility problems, portering type activities).	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Working with vulnerable service users (e.g. children with disabilities; the elderly; children/adults with learning difficulties; alcohol/drug abusers).	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Work involving repetitive movements or forced posture (e.g. twisting, screwing, movements of the hands wrists, arms and/or shoulders awkward body and limb posture or excessive force, bending, kneeling).	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

19	Work as a regular display screen user (<i>where more than 1/3 of a person's time is spent using DSE continuously over any 1 month period</i>).	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Any other occupational hazards/comments that you consider to be relevant to the post which are not included above:

N/A

Head of Service/Headteacher/Line Manager (<i>please print</i>)		Yvette McGurn	
Telephone Number:		Date:	07/05/2020