**Job Description**



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| Job Title | Team Manager - Children in Care | | | Directorate | People |
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| Post Number |  | | | Division | Children’s Services |
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| Grade | 13 | Salary | £52,430 to £56,168 | Section | Social Work Services |
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| Reports To | Service Manager Children in Care and Care Leavers |

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| **Purpose of the Job** |
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| Responsible for the leadership and management of a social work team in the children in care service, ensuring that vulnerable children and their families receive responsive services that safeguard and promote their welfare.  Actively promote and contribute to the strategic developments for children and their families in  Dudley.  Responsible over Social Workers, ASYE’s, Trainee Social Workers |

**Specific Accountabilities**

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| **MANAGING ACTIVITIES**  To have full responsibility for the delivery of services to children, young people, their families  and carers, in line with legislation, guidance and local policy and procedures.  To make highly complex decisions relating to social service provision for children, young people  and their families within Dudley.  To manage allocation of work in accordance with priorities, ensuring that assessments, care  plans and reviews are implemented where required and ensure that all statutory timescales are  met.  To work collaboratively with partner agencies, within the children’s division and in the voluntary  sector to ensure multi-agency assessment, planning, intervention and review.  To negotiate the provision of services with voluntary and external agencies that supports the  delivery of services to children, young people, their families and carers.  To contribute to the management of services as a member of the Children’s Services  Management Team.  To promote effective internal and external communication.  To chair and participate in working groups, task groups, permanency planning and to be fully involved in Service  planning, team meetings, over seeing the care plans for children you are corporately responsibly for.  To ensure the requirements of appropriate childcare legislation and guidance are understood  by all members of staff. This should be disseminated during team meetings and within  supervision.  To monitor and review effective workload management and to ensure performance  management / quality of case work is being maintained.  To contribute to the development and implementation of the Service Plan.  **MANAGING RESOURCES**  To ensure that thresholds for service intervention have been met   * To ensure care plans are progressed with focus on permanency * Attend court for discharge of care plans or challenges to care orders   To effectively manage delegated budgets allocated to children’s Services and to ensure value  for money and effective use of resources, utilising best value principles.  Delivery of service within allocated budget(s) and in compliance with the Council’s financial and  other regulations.  Make arrangements for the payment to children, young people, their families and  carers.  **MANAGING PEOPLE**  To work with colleagues to recruit and select staff in the Children’s Services division in  accordance with the Council’s procedures in respect of safer recruitment.  To ensure that all new staff members are fully inducted and are aware of the Directorate’s  policies in respect of health and safety, anti-discriminatory practice and Dudley Council’s  Strategic Plans  To monitor the performance of staff through regular supervision, observations of practice and  Appraisal.  To work with colleagues to ensure the most effective deployment of staff in the Service.  Ensure that training and development needs of staff in the Children’s Services area are identified  and met through the use of the Performance Review and Development process. Training plans  should be reviewed regularly within Supervision.  Promote and enforce the Council’s Health and Safety Policy and maintain safe working practices  for self and others.  To be responsible for the professional supervision, guidance, reflective practice and support to  social work staff involved in the on going assessment and improvement of outcomes for children in care and care leavers.  To be available to provide case work management and individual support to other staff across  the Service when other managers are not available.  To regularly review the work of the team and service delivery, initiate new developments and  any other changes as appropriate in consultation with the Head of Social Care.  To be accountable for own progression in career development by learning through training  opportunities and both personal and professional development opportunities.  **MANAGING QUALITY**  To contribute to planning processes for Children’s Services, and including those that contribute  to the meeting of Improved Outcomes for Children, Quality Assessment Framework, and Best  Value performance targets.  To use management information systems effectively to drive up the performance and quality of  the service.  To ensure that all statutory requirements are met and that staff are fully updated when changes  are made in respect of current developments, new guidance, research and legislation.  To undertake regular case audits and ensure that statutory obligations and performance  management targets are being met.  To ensure service users are aware and have access to the Complaints Process and ensure that  Children’s Services conforms to the Complaints Procedure.  To keep up to date with Dudley’s Council and Services policy, national trends, research,  government guidelines, legal issues, etc.  To ensure that the Service seeks to involve parents/carers and young people in the planning of  services and review processes, including actively seeking their views and their participation.  To promote and enforce the Council’s Equal Opportunities Policy, and ensure services take  account of the cultural, religious and linguistic background of users and meet the relevant  Equality Standard.  Ensure all team members operate ICT systems effectively and in accordance with the  Directorate’s procedures.  To operate at all times within the professional ethics and disciplines of social work as described  in the social work England codes of practice  **MANAGING INFORMATION**  Prepare reports and maintain all necessary records including computerised records for  administrative and statistical purposes in Children’s Services.  Contribute to the development and review of management information systems in planning and  monitoring Service activity.  To arrange with Information Services and Quality and Performance Management for the  collection of information required to monitor the achievement of Government and internal  indicators and targets. |
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| **Key Accountabilities**  To be accountable for and promote equality, diversity and community cohesion to meet Council,  Directorate and Service objectives. All employees have a responsibility not only for their own  behaviour, but also for others regarding equality of opportunity. Any incident must be reported.  To participate in a Performance Review and Development meeting and undertake a plan of  training where necessary. Develop his/her own skills and expertise in a professional manner.  In addition to all the responsibilities listed above, all employees must be flexible in their  approach and undertake other duties that are commensurate with post holder’s level, wherever  they may be, to achieve the objectives of the Directorate.  To represent the Council and Directorate in a professional manner meeting the Corporate and  Directorate aims. To comply with Directorate and Corporate policies.  If appropriate to be responsible for the recruitment and performance management of designated  teams and individuals in accordance with Corporate and Directorate aims and management  style.  To comply with the council’s financial regulation and standing orders  To actively promote Dudley’s commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of  children, young people and vulnerable adults at a level appropriate to this group.  Employees must comply with health and safety legislation and will be required to comply with  the Council’s Health and Safety Policies. All employees must ensure that they take reasonable  care of their own health and safety as well as the health and safety of any person that is  affected by their actions.  To be responsible for adhering to legislative requirements and Council Policies and Procedures  including, but not exclusively health & safety, Data Protection and Internet/Email use. |
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| **Health & Safety**  All employees have a duty to carry out their work with due regard for the health and safety of employees and the public, to observe health and safety requirements relevant to their activities and co-operate with the Council so as to enable them to carry out their own responsibilities effectively.  They must report to their supervisor every accident which could result in injury or damage to plant and equipment and co-operate in the investigation of accidents with object of preventing a recurrence. |

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| Special Conditions | This post is subject to the DBS checking process  The post holder must be able to drive, hold a valid full driving licence and have the use of a vehicle.  Driving Licence will be subject to checking with the DVLA. It is a council requirement to have Business Use Car Insurance and a valid MOT certificate (For cars over 3 years old) | |
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**Person Specification**

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| Experience | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| Experience of extensive working within social care services for children and  families | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Experience of providing supervision, and consultation | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Significant experience in providing social care planning services for children  and families | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Experience of being involved in cultural and organisational change in  complex organisations | | | | | |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Experience of being involved in developing and monitoring services | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Experience of being involved in partnerships/inter-agency working | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
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| Qualifications / Training | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| Registered, social worker with social work England. | | | | | |  | √ |  |  |
| Evidence of management/supervisory training and/or willingness to  undertake such training | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Evidence of continuous professional/management development | | | | | |  | √ |  |  |
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| Practical Skills | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to lead within your service area function. Including the ability  to articulate with coherence and clarity, the vision for the service; | | | | | |  | √ | √ | √ |
| Ability to gain ownership of Directorate goals and objectives and to  motivate staff; | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Ability to engage and involve service users and carers in planning  and delivering services | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Ability to deliver, by planning work and setting targets for the  achievement of objectives. Ability to have a good performance data track record as a practitioner. | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Able to demonstrate competence in financial management, including  the analysis of financial and service activity data and prioritisation of  finite resources | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Ability to communicate effectively in all formats, verbally and in writing | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Able to use interpersonal skills to build and maintain relationships  with other staff at all levels and with external partners | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Demonstrate commitment to anti -oppressive and anti-discriminatory  social care practice and management | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Ability to make clear assessments and make appropriate decisions  after assimilating a wide range of views. Ability to show progress with case management avoiding drift and delay for care planning. | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Currently or prepared to become IT literate in line with the  requirements of the job. | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
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| Other Qualities and Attributes | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| A Knowledge of equality & diversity issues | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| Committed to our values and behaviours framework | | | | | |  |  | √ |  |
| Works flexibly with local and wider team and in partnership with other professional agencies to achieve overall team goals | | | | | |  |  | √ |  |
| Logically interprets and draws meaning from information that leads to a clear analysis of required intervention | | | | | |  |  | √ |  |
| Anticipates and reviews situations in depth to identify critical issues and act upon them | | | | | |  |  | √ |  |
| Ability to lead by example in a restorative framework of practice | | | | | |  | √ | √ |  |
| The post holder must be able to drive, hold a valid full driving licence and have the use of a vehicle. | | | | | |  | √ |  |  |
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