

NOTRE DAME CENTRE

Post of Play Therapist - Full Time

Job Description

Title: Play Therapist

Responsible to: Head of Centre

Job Purpose

To provide a therapeutic counselling service to children and their families who are experiencing emotional distress, trauma or loss.

Main Tasks and Responsibilities

- To work directly with children who are experiencing emotional distress, trauma or loss, assisting them to cope and find appropriate ways of dealing with this.
- To work on own initiative, managing and prioritising a caseload under the direction of Head of Centre.
- To work closely with other members of the multi-disciplinary team providing initial and ongoing assessment of the child or young person.
- To liaise effectively and share information as appropriate with colleagues in Social Work, Health, Education or others as required.
- To maintain accurate time sheets and case record files and to provide written reports to other professionals and agencies as required.
- To carry out duties in accordance with policy and procedures and to adhere to and work within the aims of the service.
- To attend staff meetings, participate in professional supervision sessions and any in-service training as appropriate to discipline and grade.
- To contribute to the professional development of self and others, including staff, students and volunteers.
- To participate in the monitoring of cases and allocation meetings in conjunction with Head of Centre.
- To participate in research and development work.
- To promote equal opportunities and anti-discrimination practice in all areas of work within and out with the work place.
- The therapist may be required from time to time to perform other duties appropriate to the post, other than those listed above in order to meet the needs of the service.

Educational Requirements

The successful applicant will possess a recognised qualification in Play Therapy.

Experiential Requirements

The successful applicant will have considerable experience of therapeutic work and have proven ability in working with children and families. They will demonstrate knowledge of child development, child protection procedures and legislation, as well as awareness of current practise/legislation on key national policies e.g., GIRFEC (Getting It Right for Every Child).

Registration with either the British Association of Play Therapists (BAPT) or PTUK is mandatory, as is a current PVG Scheme Record via Disclosure Scotland.

This Job description is a guide to the work that you will be required to undertake. It may however be modified in future to meet the needs of the service. It does not form part of your contract of employment.