

Social Worker

Grade 9

Our Vision

An innovative, ambitious and sustainable county, where everyone has the opportunity to prosper, be healthy and happy.

Our Outcomes

We want everyone in Staffordshire to:

- Have access to more good jobs and share the benefit of economic growth
- Live in thriving and sustainable communities
- Be healthier and more independent for longer

Our Values

Our People Strategy sets out what we all need to do to make Staffordshire County Council a great place to work, where people are supported to develop, flourish and contribute to our ambitious plans. Our values are at the heart of the Strategy to ensure that the focus is on what is important to the organisation and the people it serves:

- Ambitious – We are ambitious for our communities and citizens
- Courageous – We recognise our challenges and are prepared to make courageous decisions
- Empowering – We empower and support our people by giving them the opportunity to do their jobs well.

About the Service

In Staffordshire we want to improve the lives of all children and young people. We are using a whole system approach to enable children to be happy, healthy and safe. We are supporting families to stay together so that children can remain within a home environment wherever possible.

Our vision is to create one system, that places children and their families at the heart of all that we do. Where support is required for some families, access to this will be local. Accessible and make a difference and specialisms will work to enhance those offers.

Our Children's Social Care workforce is passionate and committed to improving outcomes for children in Staffordshire by providing a consistent, high-quality service to children and families, together with excellent working relationships with our partners and the support from a stable leadership and management team.

We are committed to a culture of shared learning and development in which everyone has a part to play to ensure that our services to children and families focusses on positive outcomes.

About the Role

As a social worker you will work within the framework of legislation, agreed council policies and procedures to work with or on behalf of children, young people and their families, to improve their well-being, and promote their independence.

A commitment is to be expected to be made by practitioners working as Social Workers within Staffordshire County Council to progress through their Early Career Framework.

Reporting Relationships

Responsible to: Team Manager

Responsible for: No line management responsibilities

Key Accountabilities:

- With a level of managerial support, assess the needs of children and young people who require social work services including the identification of risk and the need for protection. Develop, co-ordinate and deliver multi-agency plans to meet assessed needs and to review these plans to ensure they continue to meet assessed needs.
- Identify gaps in service provision to inform resource allocation and service development.
- Engage other professionals, statutory and voluntary agencies in the delivery of services agreed following the assessment of need
- Manage an allocated workload within a team setting (building a level of autonomy and increasing the complexity of work allocated as you progress through your Early Career Framework), complying with the statutory obligations and departmental policy and procedures. To ensure a high standard of service is provided by the Local Authority.

- Maintain accurate and up to date records on the electronic management system at all times.
- Prepare for and participate in professional supervision sessions and staff meetings and make use of all available training and developmental opportunities.
- Contribute to the evaluation and development of services and new ideas by sharing knowledge about theory, skills and practice.
- Provide professional guidance to student social workers and apprentices.

Notwithstanding the detail in this job description, the job holder will undertake such work as may be determined by the Manager from time to time, up to or at a level consistent with the Principal Responsibilities of the job.

This role is a Hybrid Flexible Worker. This means that the role is able to utilise flexible and mobile working. Many services and customers span across the County and therefore you may be required to work at any location in Staffordshire.

The post holder is required to contribute to the achievement of the Council objectives through:

Financial Management

Personal accountability for delivering services efficiently, effectively, within budget and to implement any approved savings and investment allocated to the service.

People Management

Engaging with People Management policies and processes

Equalities

Ensuring that all work is completed with a commitment to equality and anti-discriminatory practice, as a minimum to standards required by legislation.

Climate Change

Delivering energy conservation practices in line with the Council's climate change strategy.

Health and Safety

Ensuring a work environment that protects people's health and safety and that promotes welfare, and which is in accordance with the Council's Health & Safety policy.

Safeguarding

Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable groups.

The content of this Job Description and Person Specification will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Person Specification

A = Assessed at Application

I = Assessed at Interview

T = Assessed through Test

Minimum Criteria for Disability Confident Scheme *	Criteria	Measured by
  	Qualifications/Professional membership	
	Recognised qualification in social work (Dip/SW, BA, MA Or equivalent)	A
	Social Work England Registration	A
	Full UK driving licence	A
	Completion of your Assisted and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) if you are post 1 year qualified in practice	A
 	Knowledge and Experience	
	Working experience in the field of children's social work	A, I
	Knowledge of relevant legal frameworks – including Children's Act 1989, Children's Act 2004, Adoption Regulations, and minimum standards	I
	Valuing Diversity and Equality	I
	Confidence in use of ICT systems	I
    	Skills	
	Effective time management and organisational skills	I
	Ability to work effectively with service users and to understand the importance of relationships.	I
	Ability to manage an allocation of work as provided by your line manager	I
	Effective verbal and written communication skills to engage with a range of audiences	I
	Experience of interagency working	I
	Ability to adapt to organisational and national change	I

	Other Information	
	This post is designated as an essential car user	
	Enhanced DBS [Plus Childrens/ Adults Barred list]	
	Self-motivation	I
	Enthusiasm	I
	Ability to work irregular and unsocial hours as required	I
	Ability to travel across Staffordshire	I



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