



Job Description

Directorate	Families and Wellbeing
Service	Education and Inclusion

Post details	
Job title	Habilitation Specialist/Mobility Officer
Grade	7
Location of work	1 Time Square, Warrington and schools and settings in the borough
Directly responsible to	Sensory Support Lead & Line Manager – Principal Educational Psychologist
Directly responsible for	Not applicable
Hours of duty	22.2 (0.6 FTE)
Primary purpose and scope of the job To work within the Sensory Service to support the inclusion and independence for children and young people with a visual impairment in the home, educational and community settings. The focus of this post will be to assist children and young people to develop their mobility and independence skills.	
Working Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working as a member of the Sensory Support Service within Education and Inclusion Service.• Schools, early years settings, post-16 educational settings, children's centres, parents, children, and young people• Colleagues in the Local Authority Children Services• Health services and other partner agencies	

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

1. Deliver specialist Habilitation (mobility and independence) services to identified VI pupils on caseload. The case load will be identified by the lead teacher of the team (QTVI).

2. Support VI children, their families and settings with, mobility, sight guidance, independent living skills through intervention, community based sessions, observations, following tailored programmes of support. This role will also involve devising and delivering child-centred programmes of support to meet individual needs.
3. Visit parents/carers of babies and young children with visual impairment in their homes/ early years settings to support early development and transition to school.
4. Visit schools to advise staff on strategies to support VI pupils' access to the curriculum and independent learning.
5. Understanding and continuing awareness of development in technology used to support children and young people with a visual impairment. Be able to support settings and parents with guidance on technologies that can support children and young people with a visual impairment.
6. Keep detailed records of interventions and provide feedback for contributions to reports for statutory assessments (Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments) and Annual Reviews of CYP with EHCPs.
7. Monitor and review CYP's progress and support levels.
8. Promote the wellbeing, independence, social and communication and independent living skills of VI children and young people alongside other professionals such as Habilitation Specialist / QTVI.
9. Support CYP with visual impairments at transition stages.
10. Liaise with relevant professionals from SEND, health and social care and other agencies as part of multi-disciplinary working.
11. Attend team meetings and INSET and contribute to whole team development.
12. Identify and advise the Lead Teacher and Service Manager on appropriate equipment and resources needed to enhance the independence and mobility of children and young people.

Warrington Sensory Support Service General/Corporate Responsibilities:

1. Undertake such duties as may be commensurate with the grade of the post.
2. Ensure that the council's corporate health & safety policy is followed, and training is undertaken in all pertinent health and safety procedures.
3. Partake in the council's and directorate's staff training and development policies as well as the Council's system of performance appraisal.
4. Treat all information gathered for the council and directorate, either electronically or manually, in a confidential manner.
5. All employees are required to demonstrate a commitment when carrying out their duties which promotes and values diversity and the equality of opportunity in relation to employees and service users which is in line with the council's Equality & Diversity Policy.
6. Be responsible for identifying and managing all risks associated with the job role through effective application of internal controls and risk assessments to support the achievement of corporate and service objectives.
7. Ensure the highest standards of customer care are met at all times.
8. Ensure the principles of value for money in service delivery is fundamental in all aspects of involvement with internal and external customers.
9. Ensure that the highest standards of data quality are achieved and maintained for the collection, management and use of data.

10. Positively promote the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults and ensure that it is recognised that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; and to engage in appropriate training and development opportunities which enhance an individual's knowledge and skill in responding to children, young people and vulnerable adults who may be in need of safeguarding.

Review Arrangements

The details contained in this job description reflect the content of the job at the date it was prepared; however, it is inevitable that over time, the nature of the jobs may change. Existing duties may no longer be required and other duties may be gained without changing the general nature of the post or the level of responsibility entailed. Consequently, the Council will expect to revise this job description from time to time and will consult with the post holder at the appropriate time.

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