



JOB DESCRIPTION

DIRECTORATE: CHIEF EXECUTIVES

SERVICE: LEGAL SERVICES

POST DETAILS:

Job Title: Children's Safeguarding Lawyer
Grade: Grade 9.
JE Reference: A9604
Location of Work 5th Floor Quattro
Directly Responsible To: Legal Services Manager (Safeguarding)
Directly Responsible For: N/A
Hours of Duty : 37

Primary Purpose and Scope of the Job:

Children's Services and Social Care Lawyer based within the Legal Department's Safeguarding Team required to provide legal advice and services to the client departments and the Council itself.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS:

Within the Council as a whole through Client Departments and the Legal Services Team with Officers, colleagues, Members, Courts, Tribunals, Children's Guardians and from time to time members of the public and other related Agencies

KEY TASKS AND ACCOUNTABILITIES:

1. The postholder must carry out the duties with full regard to the Council's Corporate Plan, the Corporate Equality and Diversity Policy and Health and Safety Policy.
2. To undertake the provision of legal advice, guidance and support on behalf of Warrington Borough Council in relation to Children's Services matters (including Child Care Applications and questions relating to Education Law).
3. To conduct advocacy at all levels with respect to the above matters before the Single Family Court and any other appropriate tribunal.



4. To proactively advise and respond to all requests for legal advice. Advising on the proposed impact of any legislation as and when appropriate to the Client Departments.
5. To undertake all preparations in relation to Child Care Advocacy including preparation of bundles, skeleton arguments, care plans, and statements, ensuring full compliance with the Public Law Outline, attendance at advocates meetings and to liaise with Counsel as and when required.
6. To attend relevant meetings including Child Protection Case Conferences and where applicable Safeguarding Board meetings, Joint Partnership Groups, and Legal Gateway meetings.
7. The postholder must carry out the duties with full regard to the Council's Community Plan, Community Safety Strategy, Corporate Equality Plan, Health and Safety Policy and Social Inclusion Strategy.
8. Any other duties as directed by the Legal Services Manager and ultimately the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.
9. To carry out all duties with due regard to confidentiality and data protection regulations.
10. The postholder is responsible for contributing to and compliance with strategies and policies relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and/or vulnerable adults.
11. To provide occasional supervision to Senior Legal Assistants, Legal Assistants, Trainee Solicitors, Legal Apprentices and other junior members of staff as and when required.
12. To deputise regularly for the Senior Solicitor (Children's Safeguarding) and occasionally for the Legal Services Manager (Safeguarding) as and when required.
13. To assist occasionally any team in Legal and Democratic Services. This can

REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS:

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Prepared/Revised By:

Matthew Cumberbatch January 2018

Agreed Job Description Signed By Holder:

(To be signed only following appointment)

Date Job Description signed by Holder:



JOB DESCRIPTION

DIRECTORATE: CHIEF EXECUTIVES

SERVICE: LEGAL SERVICES

POST DETAILS:

Job Title: Children's Safeguarding Lawyer

Grade: Grade 10.

JE Reference: A9601

Location of Work: 5th Floor Quattro

Directly Responsible To: Legal Services Manager (Safeguarding)

Directly Responsible For: N/A

Hours of Duty : 37

Primary Purpose and Scope of the Job:

Children's Services and Social Care Lawyer based within the Legal Safeguarding Team required to provide legal advice and services to the client departments and the Council itself.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS:

Within the Council as a whole through Client Departments and the Legal Services Team with Officers, colleagues, Members, Courts, Tribunals, Children's Guardians and from time to time members of the public and other related Agencies

KEY TASKS AND ACCOUNTABILITIES:

1. The postholder must carry out the duties with full regard to the Council's Corporate Plan, the Corporate Equality and Diversity Policy and Health and Safety Policy.
2. To undertake the provision of legal advice, guidance and support on behalf of Warrington Borough Council in relation to Children's Services matters (including Child Care Applications and questions relating to Education Law) some of which may be complex.
3. To conduct advocacy at all levels with respect to the above matters before the Single Family Court and any other appropriate tribunal.



4. To proactively advise and respond to all requests for legal advice. Advising on the proposed impact of any legislation as and when appropriate to the Client Departments taking into account novel applications of known techniques.
5. To undertake all preparations in relation to Child Care Advocacy including preparation of bundles, skeleton arguments, care plans, and statements, ensuring full compliance with the Public Law Outline, attendance at advocates meetings and to liaise with Counsel as and when required.
6. To attend relevant meetings including Child Protection Case Conferences and where applicable Safeguarding Board meetings, Joint Partnership Groups, and Legal Gateway meetings.
7. The postholder must carry out the duties with full regard to the Council's Community Plan, Community Safety Strategy, Corporate Equality Plan, Health and Safety Policy and Social Inclusion Strategy.
8. Any other duties as directed by the Legal Services Manager and ultimately the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.
9. To carry out all duties with due regard to confidentiality and data protection regulations.
10. The postholder is responsible for contributing to and compliance with strategies and policies relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and/or vulnerable adults.
11. To provide occasional supervision to Solicitors, Senior Legal Assistants, Legal Assistants, Trainee Solicitors, Legal Apprentices and other junior members of staff as and when required.
12. To deputise regularly for the Legal Services Manager (Safeguarding) and occasionally for the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) as and when required.
13. To assist occasionally any team in Legal and Democratic Services. This can include working outside of normal office hours and working off site.

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