



Title	Department	Post Ref.
Experienced Occupational Therapist (Band B)	Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection	
Job Purpose To be responsible for both the occupational therapy assessment of individual needs and the initiation and coordination of a range of outcomes to meet them, promoting the principles of strengths-based approach, personalisation, choice and control to ensure that people can assess and manage their own occupational performance needs, risks and uncertainties.		
Key Responsibilities 1. Maintain a complex occupational therapy caseload and be responsible for the assessment, support planning and review of complex individual needs and then initiate and co-ordinate a range of outcomes that promote independence. 2. Undertake occupational therapy assessments using a range of health and social care tools, for example: Activity analysis, graded goal setting, environmental risk assessments, specialist equipment provision, risk enablement, moving and handling risk assessments, major adaptation design specifications, Mental Capacity assessments and Continuing Healthcare assessments 3. Be responsible for the identification of potential re-ablement opportunities and provide access to those services as required. 4. Promote a strengths-based approach which embeds the ethos of promoting independence and wellbeing to ensure that people can assess and manage their own needs, risks and uncertainties within their chosen living environment and meet their identified short- and long-term occupational performance goals. 5. Identify community and other natural support resources, maximising individual's assets and capabilities by using preventative/universal services and other funding sources, in line with the Adult Social Care Strategy. 6. Monitor and review ongoing service provision, ensuring all parties involved are fully coordinated, with a focus on wellbeing and outcomes, and that all alternative solutions have been considered. 7. Liaise and negotiate with local providers and support networks to deliver better outcomes. 8. Provide professional information, advice and support to people and their carers, staff and colleagues, by building positive relationships and partnerships. 9. To undertake safeguarding investigation work in relation to people and their specific occupational therapy issues.		Key Accountabilities 1. Maintain professional occupational therapy standards and be accountable for own performance. 2. Accountable for the quality of the work undertaken. 3. Alert managers of issues that could affect quality, budget or performance, including concerns arising from mentoring other staff. 4. Assist managers to meet specific service targets within agreed resources. 5. Assist team in maintaining appropriate partnership arrangements. 6. Maintain effective working relationships and contribute to a working environment which is safe, considerate and supportive to all, in accordance with relevant legislation and policy. 7. Take reasonable care of your health, safety and welfare and that of other persons who may be affected by the performance of your duties. 8. Exercise proper care in handling, operating and safeguarding any equipment, vehicle or appliance provided, used or issued by the county council or provided or issued by a third party for

10. Undertake the role of Approved Adult Mental Health Practitioner (AMHP) or Best Interests Assessor (BIA) or Approved Mental Capacity Professional (ACMP), when trained and approved. 11. Contribute to practice and service development, including advising, mentoring and assisting less experienced staff. 12. Organise and manage an occupational therapy caseload independently, whilst continuously developing skills and experience, with supervision and guidance from the Occupational Therapy Senior Practitioner or Team Manager 13. Contribute to practice and service development, including advising, mentoring and assisting less experienced staff. 14. Have regard at all times for the confidential nature of the work and note to discuss or disclose information to unauthorised parties.	individual or collective use in the performance of your duties.
The post holder will perform any duty or task that is appropriate for the role described within their grade.	

Person Specification

Education and Knowledge

1. An Occupational therapy qualification recognised by the Health and Care Profession Council (HCPC).
2. Registered with the HCPC and evidence of continuous professional development
3. Additional qualifications or training relevant to occupational therapy (or a willingness to train for): British Sign Language, blind / deaf qualification.
4. Detailed knowledge of community care services within health or social care settings.
5. Detailed knowledge of the legislation and policy in relation to adult community care services.
6. Detailed knowledge of current adult social care and health policy drivers.

Experience

1. At least two years' post qualification experience which clearly evidences the ability to undertake occupational therapy tasks and responsibilities within complex and demanding situations where elements of risk will be present.
2. Experience of operating as part of a team and assisting others in their work.
3. Experience of independently managing workload and prioritising demands and tasks to meet objectives effectively.
4. Experience of keeping detailed records and constructing reports or formal letter / submissions.
5. Experience of working with members of the public who require support with complex issues.
6. Demonstrable experience of using information technology in a range of applications.

Personal skills and general competencies

1. A full driving licence and access to transport is essential, disabled employees who are unable to drive because of their disability will be able to use taxis to carry out their duties.
2. A high level of personal drive and commitment to excellent customer care and the ability to set an example for other staff.
3. Strong interpersonal skills to gain the agreement and acceptance of others including colleagues, senior managers and customers.
4. Ability to make decisions and solve problems to meet operational targets, involving devising solutions and prioritising the resources available.

<p>7. Experience of operating as Safeguarding Enquiry Officer in the context of occupational therapy related investigations.</p> <p>8. Experience of negotiating with partner agencies to achieve objectives.</p> <p>9. Evidence of Continual Professional Development (CPD) meeting the standards of the professional regulator</p>	<p>5. Ability to meet agreed objectives and delivery targets by the effective use of resources.</p>
<p>Role Dimensions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake complex occupational therapy assessments where elements of risk management are common and urgent responses may be required, within a multi-professional environment. 2. Assess an individual's functional abilities in relation to the occupational tasks and activities that are meaningful to them, identifying the potential for their independence in occupational activities and make strengths-based recommendations that prevent or delay the need for social care. 3. Where appropriate, plan, implement and review Reablement or Enablement programmes that are occupation focused, establishing clear person-centred goals tailored to individual needs. 4. Make recommendations for provision of highly specialised equipment, including complex moving and handling equipment, assistive technology and or structural major adaptations to meet people's occupational performance needs and outcomes enable them to have greater independence 5. Demonstrate appropriate rehabilitative and reabling techniques to people, including carers and staff to maximise the people's independence 6. Contribute towards the discharge planning in a multi professional environment when required. 7. Will be trained as or expected to train as an AMPH or AMCP (BIA) and /or Practice Educator dependent on the needs of the service 8. Contribute towards the skills development of other social care staff, providing professional expert occupational therapy oversight, support, guidance and advice to other professionals, including mentoring new workers. 9. Act as a Practice Educator when trained and take occupational therapy students on a regular basis. 10. Undertake safeguarding investigations for specific Occupational therapy issues, including risk assessments and associated activities. 11. Liaise with health and social care colleagues including private and voluntary organisations to ensure quality outcomes for people. 12. Carry out joint visits with other professionals where appropriate and engage multi professional, personal centred support planning. 13. Participate flexibly in other team duties and activities as appropriate to qualifications and experience as designated by the line manager or supervisor. 14. Understand, maintain and apply current departmental policies to casework and work requirements. 15. Take up opportunities for relevant training specific to role and contribute effectively towards development of new systems, processes and ways of working. 16. Undertake and implement health and safety risk assessments in relation to the provision of community-based services and in relation to vulnerable adults. 17. Participate in duty systems in accordance with local practices, including responding to urgent situations and offering specialist advice and guidance to the Customer Service Centre, service advisers and colleagues within the multi-disciplinary team. 18. Participate in countywide rotas for AMPH/BIA/AMCP as relevant <p><i>please attach a structure chart</i></p>	