

Title	Department	Post Ref.
Day Service Support Worker	ASCH&PP	4118

Job Purpose

To be responsible for ensuring provision day service activities and care of service users within day services.

Key Responsibilities

- 1. To provide high quality physical and emotional support and personal care to people with full regard to their privacy, dignity, and particular needs and relate to people in a manner which is sensitive to age, disability, sexuality, gender and cultural origin.
- 2. To positively support individuals within a risk management framework, taking due regard for their personal welfare and to advise supervisors/managers of any risks or unresolved issues.
- 3. To develop day service support plans based on effective consultation with service users, carers, specialist workers and other relevant agencies and individuals and delivery of a range of activities as identified.
- To supervise, guide and support day service support assistants and care workers in accordance with County Council and Departmental Policies and Procedures.
- 5. To have a working knowledge of all operational Procedures and Policies, including fire, energy difficulties, disciplinary issues, accidents and illness.
- To report and follow up health and safety issues relating to the premises, vehicles, equipment and other facilities used by the day service.
- 7. To be a contact person in maintaining good communication links with carers and other professional individuals in relation to service provision.
- 8. To carry out all duties and responsibilities with a 'can do' attitude.

Key Accountabilities

- 9. Effective delivery of day service operations within departmental Policies, Legislation and Practice Guidelines.
- 10. To support people appropriately in a manner that promotes a person centred approach and the need for inclusion.
- 11. To have a working knowledge of all operational Procedures and Policies.

The post holder will perform any duty or task that is appropriate for the role described

Person Specification

Education and Knowledge

- 1. Social Care qualification (Equivalent NVQ Care 3).
- 2. Knowledge of relevant Legislation.
- 3. Evidence of continuous professional development.
- 4. Knowledge of main ICT systems in the service area.

Experience

- 15. Minimum of two year's experience of working with people with disabilities or in care settings.
- 16. Experience of empowering and advocacy on behalf of service users.
- 17. Experience of handling money and an understanding of Financial Guidelines.
- 18. Experience of the supervision process.
- 19. Experience of delivery of a wide range of day to day activities for service users and act as a link-worker to a key group of service users.

Personal skills and general competencies

- 5. Puts into practice the Council's commitment to excellent customer care.
- Works efficiently and effectively and actively looks for ways of improving services and outcomes for customers.
- 7. Works well with colleagues but also able to work on their own initiative.
- 8. Shares the Council's commitment to providing a safe environment for customers and staff and also treating all with respect and consideration
- 9. A high level of personal drive and commitment to excellent customer care and the ability to set an n example for other staff.
- 10. Strong interpersonal skills to gain the agreement and acceptance of others including colleagues, senior managers and customers.
- 11. Ability to make decisions and solve problems to meet operational targets, involving devising solutions and prioritising the resources available.
- 12. Ability to meet agreed objectives and deliver targets by the effective use of resources.
- 13. To understand the importance of privacy and confidentiality.
- 14. To be able to use departmental ICT systems safely and appropriate to the level of the post.

Role Dimensions

- 20. To administer medication in line with Policy relevant to the service area.
- 21. To drive vehicles as authorised and transport service users and other personnel as required and appropriate.
- 22. To contribute to and attend service user reviews, meetings and other forums as required.
- 23. To notify the day service leader of any shortfalls in service provision in order to contribute to the planning / development of services.
- 24. To comply with the Departmental health and safety Policies and understand their responsibility with regard to the legal requirements of health and safety.
- 25. To be able to communicate effectively with service users at all levels including use of appropriate signs and symbols.
- 26. To be able to support and help people with their personal care needs in a manner that respects the dignity of the person at all times.
- 27. To support people with complex needs and/or challenging behaviours.
- 28. To be able to undertake risk assessments for all individual activities within the service.
- 29. To be able to communicate effectively with the staff team, with other professionals and parents and carers.
- 30. To be able to work on their own with service users at a base or out in the community.
- 31. To maintain accurate service user records and produce reports and other documents as required.
- 32. To be aware of and work within allocated budgets and financial procedures.
- 33. To engage effectively with service users, colleagues and stakeholders to ensure the transformation of day service provision.
- 34. To be able to prioritise and organise workload.
- 35. To use any equipment as directed by the care plan once appropriate training has taken place and be able to assist in the handling of people and inanimate objects.
- 36. To respond appropriately to crisis and emergency situations and report any incidents that may arise.

Please attach a structure chart

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