



Business Support Officer - Early Help and Prevention Service

Salary: Band: 5, £26,473 to £28,239 per annum, pro rata (£15,884 to £16,943 per annum working 22.2 hours)

Hours: 22.2 hours per week

Contract: 1 Year Fixed Term Contract

Portsmouth City Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. It is also committed to promoting quality childcare across the City that works to improve outcomes for children.

Every post is subject to PCC and Portsmouth Safeguarding Children's Board safer recruitment procedures.

The Service

The Early Help and Prevention Service in Portsmouth is a new way of doing things – providing extra practical help with families early on, to stop problems getting worse. We talk with families about the things that are most important to them, what might help and what we can do differently to help them. This is how we start working together with the whole family to help get things back on track.

We are committed to working with families to repair harm and relationships. We are restorative in all we do, working closely with partnership agencies to provide high challenge and high support, building strong relationships between practitioners and their families. We have been recognised by Ofsted as a "Good" Local Authority, working systemically to provide services improving outcomes for children and their families.

As a service we take pride in our work by valuing others, focusing on what's important so that we make a real and positive difference. Our values are outlined in our Ways of Working and our Guiding Principles and if they reflect how, you are and how you work then this could be the role that meets your expectations.

What is the role?

Reporting to the Business Support Team Leader, you will provide high quality administrative support to the Early Help and Prevention Team within one of the city's three localities. You will play a vital role in the administration and smooth-running of business processes throughout the Early Help and Prevention Service and respond flexibly in order in support of the service priorities identified by the locality Service Leader.

Roles can vary greatly depending on the range of work for which the Service Leader is responsible; however, all tasks require high quality written and oral communication and a commitment to the continuous provision of high-quality customer care and the ability to multi-task and work well under pressure.

The role will include:

- Provision of full administrative support to the locality Service Leader.
- Coordination of support for a specific area of delivery (Best Start in Life, LGBTQ, CWD, Exploitation etc.)
- Tasks to include organising, planning, and preparing for meetings including booking venues, producing materials and ensuring adequate facilities.
- Minute taking at meetings, workshops, partnership meetings etc some of which may be complex and of a sensitive and/or confidential nature.
- Supporting the preparatory work required for routine audit and inspection processes.
- Dealing with telephone, email, and face-to-face enquiries.
- Placing orders for goods and services and dealing with invoices on finance system.
- Carrying out all necessary word processing, spreadsheets, database, and presentation duties.
- Dealing with all correspondence, including confidential information.
- Drafting correspondence to standard enquiries.
- Entering data into service information and caseload systems and administering the collection and presentation of service performance information.
- Cover for other Band 5 and Band 4 roles within the Early Help and Prevention Service, as required.

Who is the person?

You will need:

1. Experience of working in an administrative role within a busy office environment and ideally, experience of working in Children's and/or Young People's Services.
2. Shorthand or minute-taking skills to enable you to take concise notes/minutes in meetings.
3. Proficient in the use of Microsoft 365, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneDrive, Outlook, and Teams.
4. Excellent numeracy and literacy skills.
5. Experience of budgetary monitoring.
6. Good communication skills.
7. A customer-focus (internal and external) and be able to demonstrate consistently high standards of customer care and customer service.
8. A willingness and determination to help Early Help and Prevention Service Leaders to provide an effective service and support to children and families.
9. The ability to resource and collate information
10. A good attention to detail and level of accuracy
11. The ability to work flexibly to meet the requirements of the team and wider service.
12. The ability to prioritise your workload.
13. The ability to maintain strict confidentiality, as you will be dealing with confidential and sensitive information.
14. A good awareness of Data Protection and Safeguarding issues.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

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You will need to demonstrate that you have the Right to Work in the UK. No post will be offered without it.