



Business Support Officer - Central Locality

Salary: Band 5, £26,473 to £28,239 per annum

Contract: Permanent

Hours: Full-time (37 hours per week, Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm)

Portsmouth Local Authority is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment, to improve outcomes for children.

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

The Service

The Children and Families Services supports and protects Portsmouth's most vulnerable children and young people enabling them to lead safer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives. It also acts as the corporate parent for the city's Looked after Children. The service and its Business Support function will embrace change, have a strong and sharp focus on exceptional customer care, and will respond flexibly and effectively to the Stronger Futures agenda and other transformational developments.

What is the role?

The Business Support Officer works within the Family Support and Safeguarding South Locality Team and is based at Civic Offices. This is a busy challenging role, perfect for someone who enjoys working as part of a team and wants to do a worthwhile job.

You will provide high quality administrative support to the Locality team who provide intervention with children and families so it is important they work in partnership with parents and other professionals so that the right services can be provided longer term.

You will be:

- Organising reports and minute taking complex meetings for example, Strategy meetings. Once completed, sending out to professionals and parents if appropriate.
- Minute taking of group supervisions.
- Entering data into service information and caseload systems to ensure accurate records are kept e.g. MOSAIC.
- Administering the collection and presentation of service performance information.
- Dealing with incoming and outgoing post, ensuring service user's information is protected at all times, and scanning documents into the system.

- Dealing with telephone enquiries from agencies, service users and families, ensuring timely responses and concerns relating to the safeguarding of children are signposted and responded to appropriately.
- Updating MOSAIC with decisions made to ensure these decisions are communicated in a timely manner to all involved with our children and young people.
- Maintaining files and documentation.
- Printing reports and templates for meetings.
- Booking translators, hire cars and accommodation and requesting birth certificates.
- Raising purchase orders and dealing with finance queries.
- Using and reconciling a purchase card.
- Carrying out all necessary word processing, spreadsheets, database and presentation duties.
- Dealing with all correspondence, which includes highly confidential information
- Supporting Service Leader and Team Leaders with management reports, stats, diary management and typing.
- Support other areas within the department as required, in order to ensure Business Continuity.

Who is the person?

You will:

1. Have experience of working in an administrative role.
2. Ideally, have experience of working within Children's and/or Young People's Services.
3. Have a basic knowledge of Safeguarding.
4. Be able to take accurate, detailed minutes of complex meetings which will contain confidential and sensitive information, demonstrating integrity and care in doing your work.
5. Be people-focused, with excellent telephone and face-to-face communication skills to be able to deal with a very wide range of caller such as other agencies, professionals and service users.
6. Be customer-focused (internal and external) and be able to demonstrate consistently high standards of customer care and customer service.
7. Be able to respond appropriately to enquiries from parents and carers who may be anxious or emotional due to issues concerning the safeguarding and wellbeing of children.
8. Be able to demonstrate personal resilience and professionalism when exposed to explicit and emotionally challenging information.

9. Be a good listener, as you will need to get the right information from a caller to put them in touch with the right people in the office.
10. Have good attention to detail and accuracy.
11. Have strong organisational skills.
12. Have good working knowledge of Microsoft Office, Teams and confidence using IT systems (Outlook/Word/Excel/Databases) to undertake the admin tasks of the role.
13. Be able to maintain a positive, respectful, inclusive and professional attitude when dealing with sometimes challenging and emotionally sensitive information.
14. Have a good understanding of client confidentiality, Information Governance and Data Protection.
15. Have good literacy and numeracy skills.
16. Be able to work flexibly and collaboratively to meet the requirements of the team and wider service.

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

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

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