



Job Description

Job Title: Convener/Minute Taker

Grade: G

Overall Purpose of Role

Convening Child Protection Conferences and/or Looked After Child reviews and/or Joint Evaluation Meetings and providing a broad range of administrative support to the service.

To provide support to Northamptonshire Children's Trust, through the production of accurate records of the content and decisions and recommendations of a range of statutory processes including Child Protection Conferences, Child in Care Reviews, Joint Evaluation Meetings (JEMs) and other requirements.

Main Accountabilities

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1	Convening all aspects of Child Protection Conferences/Looked After Children and Joint Evaluation Meetings. This includes preparing and distributing invitation letters, booking meeting venues, and collating reports
2	Travel independently to locations throughout Northamptonshire to attend a range of statutory groups and meetings in relation to Children's Services. Set up room prior to start of conference. Meet and greet attendees for conferences in a courteous and professional manner. (Applicants must have use of a car to travel between locations).
3	To attend and take accurate records of statutory Children's Services groups and meetings (including attendance records etc.) in accordance with the direction of the children's services operational leads and their priorities, protocols and procedures.
4	To produce records of meetings for agreement and verification by the appropriate operational managers in a report format which accords with current child safeguarding protocols.
5	Ensure that all electronic records are accurate and up to date in relation to Child Protection Conferences/Looked After Children and LADO reviews. Ensure that the electronic client systems are updated to reflect the outcomes of the meeting as required by the service

6	Identify information from the Child Protection/Looked After Children and LADO database in response to enquiries from Local Safeguarding Board member agencies.
7	Provide proactive support to Child Protection Chairs and Independent Review Officers and Local Authority Designated Officers.
8	Liaise with the Senior Child Protection Chair and the Senior Independent Reviewing Officer and Local Authority Designated Officers regarding allocation of meetings and other related issues.
9	Liaise with Social Worker teams, external agencies and representatives as appropriate in matters relating to the clerical/administrative for the service.
10	Works closely and jointly with the other service members as required to ensure continuity of support for Children Services and undertake other tasks as appropriate to the role to meet the needs of the business
11	Demonstrate awareness/understanding of equal opportunities and other people's behavioural, physical, social and welfare needs.
12	Ensure that reasonable care is taken at all times for the health, safety and welfare of yourself and other persons, and to comply with the policies and procedures relating to health and safety within the department.

Safeguarding commitment *(Include for roles involving work with children/vulnerable adults)*
We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults. We require you to understand and demonstrate this commitment.

Person Specification

Qualifications, Knowledge, Skills and Experience

Minimum level of qualifications needed for this post

Qualifications Required	Subject	Essential/Desirable
Educated to GCSE standard or equivalent professional qualification or business experience	Maths and English Grade C or above	E

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Identify	Details	Essential/Desirable
Knowledge:		
Local Government	Knowledge of Local Authority statutory procedures regarding Child Protection and Looked After Children, and the relevant legal frameworks	D
Children's Services	Experience of working within a Children's Service environment	D

Business Support	Work experience of providing administrative support including dealing with complex meetings	E
	Experience of preparing documents and reports to a high standard of presentation.	E
Skills:		
Numeracy/Accuracy	Ability to maintain a high level of attention to detail and accuracy.	E
IT	Competent in the use of IT	E
Communication	Excellent oral and written communication skills with ability to construct and produce well-presented documents from meeting notes.	E
	Able to relate to a wide variety of people in a warm, calm and professional manner. Ability to handle clients/colleagues in a tactful and diplomatic way and be able to work as an effective team member.	E
Planning/Prioritisation	Ability to plan work, prioritise tasks and to work to deadlines and achieve them.	E
Experience:		
Working Relationships	Experience of establishing strong working and effective relationships across numerous stakeholder groups	E
Change Management	Experience of working with a fast changing, dynamic environment.	E

Disclosure Level

What DBS Level is required for this post?

None

Standard

Enhanced Child Only

Enhanced Child/Adult Bar

Working Arrangements

What work type does this role fit into? (tick one box that reflects the main work type, the default workers type is flexible)

Fixed

Flexible

Field

Home