CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title: Assistant Co-ordinator - CamPlay

Directorate: People Services

Service: Community Support Service, CamPlay

Reports to: CamPlay Co-ordinator

Grade: Scale SO1

Location: Countywide (East Cambs & Fenland, Cambridge City & South

and Huntingdonshire)

Hours: 37 hours per week

The following criteria are appropriate for this post. You must meet the essential criteria in order to be shortlisted for the post and it would be advantageous if you meet the desirable criteria.

Education, Qualifications & Training

Essential:

Level 3 Diploma in Play Work or equivalent

Desirable:

Level 4 Diploma or degree in relevant area

Knowledge & Experience

Essential:

- Knowledge and experience of working with children and young people with disabilities and their families
- Good working knowledge of IT systems including Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel
- Knowledge and understanding of National Standards, Ofsted and regulations
- Understanding of the impact of oppression and discrimination especially the impact of disabling barriers
- Good working knowledge of the principles of Inclusion
- Underpinning knowledge of theory and good practice in reporting and recording
- Ability to appreciate the significance of safeguarding and to interpret accurately for all individual children and young people whatever their life circumstances

Desirable:

- Ability to use supervision and appraisal for a variety of roles and in individual and group settings
- Ability to ensure staff are competent to undertake role and to ensure continued development through training

- In-depth knowledge of service policies and procedures
- Knowledge and understanding of how to ensure that both children, young people and staff remain safe in a variety of situations including moving and handling
- Knowledge of partner agencies and roles including private and voluntary providers
- Awareness of recruitment and selection processes and safer recruitment practices
- To have in depth knowledge and experience of playwork with disabled children, young people and their families and the issues that they face

Skills & Attributes

Essential:

- Good understanding of child development with the ability to plan a varied activity programme to suit children's individual needs
- Ability to work on own initiative, under direction and as part of a team
- Ability to help lead and motivate a team to deliver a high quality service
- Proven ability to communicate effectively and sensitively to children, young people and their families and other associated professionals both verbally and in writing
- Good ability to prioritise tasks to manage conflicting demands of the role

Desirable:

- Ability to work independently and use own initiative appropriately when required
- Assisting with managing a large and diverse group of staff many working on relief contracts, and enable them to feel part of a team.
- * Please note that for linked grades, appointment or progression to Scale 6 is dependent upon NVQ Level 4 or degree in relevant area or equivalent to allow progression and/or extensive and in depth experience of working with children with wide a range of complex needs.

Cambridgeshire Behaviours (Scale 5/6)

Working Together

- I establish credibility and work co-operatively with colleagues and customers
- I maintain good practice as well as making future improvements

Integrity

- I make decisions without bias
- I explain clearly to colleagues and customers how these decisions will impact on service delivery

Respect for others and public resources

- I am aware of the positive and negative impact I can and could make on colleagues and customers
- I am considerate when using and working with our resources, and take responsibility for managing them

Excellence

- I plan and anticipate changes in working practice
- I logically identify the best approach in continuing to meet my objectives and deliver excellent outcomes