

PLAY THERAPIST

Job Description and Person Specification

JOB DESCRIPTION	
<p>AVENUE:</p> <p>AVENUE is a charity, based in the North East of Scotland, that provides a range of services to families, children and individuals. We help families and individuals to overcome obstacles to wellbeing and find ways forward through the challenges that life can bring.</p>	
<p>VALUES:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectiveness • Integrity • Respect • Credibility • Innovation • Independence
<p>AIMS:</p>	<p>To deliver a child-focused rights-respecting therapeutic service to children.</p> <p>To help children gain insight and understanding of their experiences, increasing emotional resilience and coping strategies while decreasing problematic behaviours and internalised conflicts.</p>
<p>MAIN DUTIES:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide play therapy for children in line with professional body standards (PTUK, BAPT). • To maintain accurate and up-to-date case notes on the database in a timely manner according to the standards laid out by AVENUE. • To manage a wide and varied caseload, prioritising appropriately and responding to service user need. • To build positive working relationships with colleagues within AVENUE, and in partner agencies and organisations. • To work with colleagues in the therapeutic services team to support learning and develop provision through the sharing of best practice.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To represent AVENUE with external agencies and organisations as required.• To ensure compliance with AVENUE's processes, policies and procedures, in particular Data Protection, Confidentiality, Safeguarding and Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and Professional Boundaries.• To undertake any other reasonable duties, as requested by your line manager.
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PERSON SPECIFICATION	
REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS	ESSENTIAL / DESIRABLE
A professional qualification in Play Therapy at Diploma level or above	E
Current membership with PTUK, BAPT or BACP	E
Proven ability to work independently and as part of a team	E
Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both written and verbal	E
Understanding of child development	E
Understanding and experience of safeguarding, child protection and vulnerable adult protection	E
High standard of IT literacy, including ability to use Office 365	E
Evidence of continuing professional development	E
Experience of ability to manage a varied caseload, and meeting deadlines whilst working under pressure	E
Experience of working with multi-disciplinary agencies to deliver services and safeguard children	D
Experience of providing support to parents / carers	D
Experience of work with children and young people with a range of additional needs (ADHD, Autism etc)	D