###### Art Therapist- Home Link Family Support- Midlothian

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| 20 hours salary £18054 plus 33 days annual leave (FTE) and 5% pension |
| Main Objectives |
| * To ensure the effective delivery of the service provided by Home Link Family Support, in accordance with its Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles
* Assess and provide therapeutic support to children and their families.
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| Key Responsibilities* Reports to the Therapy Team Lead
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| Liaising with other agencies including:* Liaising with local statutory/voluntary/community agencies and projects both for referrals
* Receiving referrals from social work, health, and education agencies (whether statutory, voluntary, or community) of families in need of Home Link support.
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| Delivery of art therapy* To provide Art Therapy on an individual and group basis for clients referred to HLFS
* To carry out initial assessments to ascertain the suitability of clients for Art Therapy
* To work alongside all members of school staff, the wider HLFS team and partners in a professional manner to ensure optimum outcomes for children and their families
* To attend professional supervision and maintain CPD on an ongoing basis
* To attend and contribute to team meetings and allocation meetings
* To maintain confidential client files as appropriate and in accordance with BAAT/HLFS policies
* To adhere to the policies and procedures of the HLFS service, B.A.A.T. Code of Ethics and the HCPC (Health and Care Professions Council)
* To administer the Outcome Ratings Scale system of evaluation and maintain other records as directed by the Manager.
* To liaise professionally with other statutory and voluntary organisations involved in client care within the bounds of confidentiality.
* To promote a positive culture within the Service Ethos.
* To carry out any other duties relevant to the post as required by the Team Lead/ CEO
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| Other supervisory/management responsibilities* Participate in external clinical supervision, assuring up to date understanding of family therapy methodologies and adhering to recognised best practice in the field.
* Participate in regular clinical group supervision sessions
* Participate in monthly line management supervision
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| General:* To conform to the internal administrative and supervisory procedures of Home Link including those relating to regular supervision, case management, annual work-plans and appraisal.
* Taking part in staff team meetings, supervision sessions, staff and Board policy forums, staff training events and other appropriate meetings as directed by the Team Lead/CEO
* To work within the framework of Home Link's Standards and Methods of Practice with particular reference to policies on equal opportunities, child protection, confidentiality, health and safety and volunteering.
* To carry out effective monitoring and evaluation of work undertaken

Other requirements:* A masters or post graduate qualification in Art Therapy
* Registration with B.A.A.T and HCPC
* Two to three years post qualifying experience of working as an Art Therapist
* Two to three years post qualifying experience of facilitating group work/ experience of co-facilitating
* A sound knowledge and understanding of the needs of families with young children
* A good understanding of attachment theory
* To satisfy enhanced Disclosure Scotland requirements
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| DiversityAll staff should adhere to Home Link Family Support Equality Policy and will be expected to play a key role in its successful implementation |

This job description cannot cover every issue or task that may arise within the post at various times and the post-holder will be expected to carry out other duties from time to time which are broadly consistent with those in this document. This job description does not form part of the contract of employment.

**Art Therapist -PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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|  |  | Essential | Desirable  |
| Experience | Experience of working with children and families | ü |  |
| Experience of monitoring and evaluation  |  | ü |
| Experience of group work | ü |  |
| Experience of working in partnership with other agencies |  | ü |
| Experience of working in a community setting | ü |  |
| Skills and Abilities | Assessment of children’s needs and help available | ü |  |
| Record-keeping, including for evaluation purposes | ü |  |
| Report Writing | ü |  |
| Understanding of the South Edinburgh locality and its special characteristics |  | ü |
| Knowledge of children’s and families work and the issues facing this sector | ü |  |
| Knowledge | Knowledge of child protection legislation | ü |  |
| IT Literate, knowledge of word, email, excel databases, Outlook and PowerPoint | ü |  |
| Commitment to working outside of normal office hours and at weekends when the job requires this | ü |  |
| Commitment to work within the principles of the equal opportunities policy  | ü |  |
| Education/**Training** | To be a member of B.A.A.T and HCPC | ü |  |
|  | A masters or post graduate qualification in Art Therapy | ü |  |
| Other | To have a clean driving licence and access to a car for business use | ü |  |