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25th September 2026

Dear Applicant,

2 x Community Counsellor (Young People)

Thank you for expressing interest in the above post at MYPAS. We hope that the application pack enclosed with this letter provides you with useful information about both the post and our organisation.

We are now seeking suitably qualified and experienced counsellors to join the existing team to deliver a new Community Counselling service to young people in the Scottish Borders. This is a rare opportunity to join a growing service, work within a dedicated team, and make a measurable difference to the lives of children and young people aged 10–18 in the Scottish Borders.

MYPAS promotes the health and wellbeing of young people across East Lothian, Midlothian and the Scottish Borders and currently focuses on working in the areas of mental health, LGBT+ and substance use. MYPAS is a community-based organisation with charitable status and based in Dalkeith, Midlothian. The base in the Scottish Borders is in Galashiels.

The postholder will be responsible for providing community counselling to young people aged 12-18 across The Scottish Borders and within a holistic service. The postholder will offer counselling to young people who have left school, are not attending school or who do not have a good relationship with school. It is anticipated that some of the young people may have experience of using substances or living with substance users.

The postholder will also develop and promote further therapeutic work both within and outwith MYPAS. Qualified to Diploma level (or equivalent) in a counselling therapeutic discipline, a member of a recognised professional body (e.g. BACP, COSCA) and have experience of working with young people, you will also be committed to delivering a service according to best practice and within community settings.

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We welcome applications from experienced counselling professionals who are passionate about supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing. The ideal candidate will have a strong track record of delivering and developing therapeutic services within a multi-agency context. We are particularly interested in practitioners who can bring warmth, professionalism, and a reflective approach. You will have a robust, integrative understanding of therapeutic theory and be committed to inclusive, trauma-informed practice that recognises the unique needs and strengths of each young person.

This post is funded by the Scottish Borders Council and the Scottish Borders Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP).

PLEASE NOTE: we are open to discussing hours configurations with the successful candidate – for example, a 28 hour a week post is possible.

This post may require regular evening and occasional weekend work.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon Monday 12th October 2026.

Completed applications should be e-mailed to enquiries@mypas.co.uk

Please note interviews will be end of October and start date of the post is targeted for Monday 30th November 2026

For an informal chat about the role please contact Dave Evans, 0131 4540757.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Evans
Chief Executive