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Dear Applicant,

School Counsellor - Scottish Borders

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.

MYPAS is a dynamic, values-driven organisation supporting the health and wellbeing of young people. We recently completed a successful competitive tendering process, winning the contract to deliver the Schools Counselling Service on behalf of Scottish Borders Council.

We are now seeking suitably qualified and experienced counsellors to deliver this 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 (Midlothian Young People's Advice Service) is a long-standing, trusted charity supporting the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 10 to 21 across Midlothian, East Lothian, and now the Scottish Borders. For over 25 years, we've delivered accessible, evidence-informed therapeutic and health-based services with young people at the centre. Our values are rooted in compassion, inclusion, respect, and empowerment. We believe in meeting young people where they are, walking alongside them, and amplifying their voices. We are committed to trauma-informed, relational ways of working that reflect the realities of young people's lives.

This post is initially funded until March 2028. The contract has the potential to be extended for another two years before a re-tendering process.

The postholder will be responsible for providing high-quality, safe, and accessible counselling for children and young people aged 10-18 living in the







Scottish Borders. The postholder will implement and evaluate and report on the School Counselling service within the specific High School clusters.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon Monday 11th August 2025.

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

Informal enquiries to Dave Evans, 0131 4540757.

Due to the volume of applications, we regret that we will only be able to contact shortlisted candidates.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Evans Chief Executive