

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

Additional Information for Project Worker 1 (PW1) post

You will have received a (PW1) job description and person specification. *This is a generic role in use throughout the organisation and therefore Barnardo's uses generic job descriptions and person specifications when advertising for such roles*

When completing your application form, please refer to the skills, knowledge and experience required as detailed in the **Person Specification** and also any further information included in this **Additional Information Sheet**. This should be done with an understanding of the context of the service described.

Barnardo's PosAbility

PosAbility has operating in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust since 2002. The service is managed by Barnardo's and receives funding from the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, The Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) and The Community Fund.

We deliver a wide range of capacity building programs to help increase disabled young people's ability to share their views on disability issues and facilitate their involvement in local and regional children's services planning processes. Programs are designed to help young people understand government structures and relevant policy on services such as education, health and social care, transport and employment and learning etc. We facilitate young people's involvement in government policy consultations. Programs are usually delivered through group work but occasional individuals require one to one support. Activities include use of assistive technology, multimedia, IT, drama, art and craft, play and music. Some young people have support requirements such as assistance to feed, hoisting and having their personal care needs provided for.

The project provides a safe and stimulating environment to young people who have a range of conditions that enables them to speak out about issues that impact on their lives. Some young people will require specific support to enable them to communicate, understand and impart information. In order to learn about and meet all the individual support needs, we adopt a multiagency approach by working closely with families, social workers, allied health professionals, schools etc. Young people are facilitated to exercise their rights to have their say by being supported to attend and participate in influencing forums and meetings with policy makers and service providers.

Location of Service/Support Offered:

Grange Building, Tower Hill, Armagh, BT61 9DR.

PosAbility has its offices based in Armagh, from where individual and group sessions are delivered. The service is also provided in schools and community venues or in family homes across the Region, however this is mostly within the Southern Health & Social Care Trust area. The worker will be asked to travel within the Southern Trust area and to support another project worker to deliver in schools throughout Northern Ireland.

Duties

The project worker will:

- Undertake referral assessments, meeting with young people, their families and professionals
- Organise and deliver direct work and group work sessions
- Assist in the delivery of our schools programme to students in special schools across Northern Ireland
- Work with the team to deliver programmes throughout the Southern Trust
- Co-deliver disability awareness training to parents and professionals
- Support young people to share their views
- Attend meetings to share the views of young people
- Keep clear and concise records of all work undertaken

Criteria

You will have: -

- Experience either in a paid or voluntary capacity of working with children and young people with disabilities. **(Essential)**
- Experience of working to safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures. **(Essential)**
- Full driving licence and access to a car or be able to demonstrate ability to meet the mobility requirements of the post. If appointed must have appropriate business insurance. **(Essential)**
- Experience of work with groups of young people. **(Desirable)**
- Knowledge of disability and how it impacts upon children, young people and their families. **(Essential)**

Hours of Work:

16 hours per week. The service operates from Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Flexible working will be considered. Occasional evening working to meet the needs of young people and commitment to a Saturday mid morning once per month is required.

Waiting List: A waiting list of applicants will be compiled for any similar posts arising in the next 12 months.