

## Youth Worker 1 (YW1) Job Position Description

<b>Post:</b>	Youth Worker 1 (YW1)
<b>Project:</b>	Children's Residential Home
<b>Responsible To:</b>	Responsible Person within Safe Places for Children
<b>Reports To:</b>	Registered Manager and Deputy Manager
<b>Area:</b>	Northern Ireland
<b>Base:</b>	Carryduff Area
<b>Contract:</b>	Full Time Contract (Probation Period)
<b>Salary:</b>	£30,004.00 per a year.

### Background Information

Safe Places for Children was founded as a registered charity in April 2016 with the aim of supporting the most vulnerable and complex traumatised children and young people within the residential care industry. Safe Places for Children provide complex traumatised children and young people in care with an individualised therapeutic residential home within either England or Northern Ireland. Safe Places for Children's mission is that, it's all about the young people. Our values focus on being supportive, responsive, passionate, professional, and united.

The children and young people that Safe Places for Children provide care to can display challenging behaviours that include but are not limited to the following; destroying property, missing from home, absconding, self-harming, poor hygiene, sexually acting out towards other young people or staff members, fire setting & fascination, cruelty to animals, anti-social behaviours, offending behaviours, high level of defiance, physical aggression including hitting, spitting, kicking, threatening young people and/or workers and verbal aggression. The children and young people that are placed within our registered homes can display a range of pain-based behaviours that include but not limited to inability to regulate emotions, trauma re-enactment, impulsive outburst, withdrawal and or running away through fear and anger.

Our aims and objectives at Safe Places for Children is to provide a model of care that focuses on providing stability, a nurturing & domestic homely environment that can support positive outcomes for children and young people. The service delivery of each registered service is outlined within each registered homes statement of purpose and our organisational Integrated Practice Framework (IPF). Safe Places for Children aim to hire team members that have the skills, attributes, qualities, experience, qualification, and capabilities to work with high risk and complex traumatised children and young people. We aim to recruit team members that are trauma informed, that understand that all behaviour has meaning, that are compassionate and empathetic to meeting the needs of the young person, rather than being fixated on the challenging behaviours that will be displayed by the children and young people. At Safe Places for Children we want to recruit team members that operate within and that support our organisational vision, ethos and values as an organisation.

This Job Position Description outlines the roles and responsibilities associated with a Youth Worker 1 at Safe Places for Children.

### General Responsibilities

Safe Places for Children team members will be required to promote and support our mission: at Safe Places for Children, it's all about the young people and our values which are to be Professional, Responsive, Passionate, United and Supportive with all stakeholders, colleagues and management that relate to the organisation and with young people in our care.

General responsibilities include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Provide a caring, safe and secure environment that promotes the wellbeing and the needs of the Young People within the Registered Service;

- Provide a caring service at all times and treat those they come into contact with in a courteous and respectful manner (**Adhere to NISCC Code of Conduct if within Northern Ireland**);
- Carry out duties and responsibilities in a manner which assures the safety of young people, colleagues and the public; work as in line with the Registered Services Statement of Purpose and Safe Places for Children Integrated Practice Framework;
- Build and participate in a strong and positive team culture and ensure that adequate rostering / cover is in place for the Registered Home, this will relate to undertaking shift work to ensure that the Registered Service continues to operate with safe staffing levels;
- Attend and contribute to planned Team Meetings, participated in required Case Inductions and other tasks or assignments that have been provided by the Homes Management Team;
- Ensure the completion and input into the required paperwork; this includes but not limited to the completion of all Shift Reports; Critical Information Reports, Health & Safety Reports; Case Handovers and Care Map (Care Planning), other reports will be directed by the Homes Management Team;
- Participate in Professional Development Plan, undertake and contribute to Coaching opportunities and work with the Registered Homes Management team to identify areas of Practice Improvement and adhered to an agreed plan to improve;
- Contribute and Input into ongoing Risk Assessments, Safety Plans, and Care Planning needs of the Young People and Positive Behaviour Support Plan. This includes the creation of Risk Assessments and notifying the Registered Homes Management team when these have been completed;
- Demonstrate commitment through regular attendance in planned meetings and work efficiently on completion of all assigned tasks allocated to them that have been set by the homes management team, this includes but not limited to inputting into Care Map (Care Planning)
- Participate in all agreed and desired elements of the Case Management needs, this includes participating in Annual Training, Case Clinics and adhered to the Assigned Youth Worker task that has been issued by the Homes Management Team;
- Able to positively role model and support Young People through challenging crisis situations and help them to develop long term health coping strategies. Demonstrate a willingness to engage in reflective practice sessions with the Homes Management Team, this is to help with increasing strategies to further support the Management of Crisis Situations;
- Understand and adhere to responsibilities in regards to, but not limited Administration of Medication, Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Fire Warden & Safety Responsibilities. Operate and completed assigned tasks in nominated hours by the Registered Service Management Team;
- Ensuring the highest standards of care, in relation to the Children's physical behavioural and emotional needs and ensuring that all basic needs are met as per Legislation and Standards requirements of Registered Service;
- Supporting Young People to successfully engage with their routine and programme that can include, but not limited to outdoor activities, games, films etc. Team member is expected to input into the planning of activities and support the consistency with regards to the Care Planning and Case Management needs of each Young Person within the Registered Service.
- Create and contribute to developing a safe, nurturing and homely environment and build developmental relationships through activities or events with children that live within the home;

- Undertake domestic duties within the home that include but not limited to cleaning, cooking, laundry and assist in the running of a normal domestic home environment;
- Able to positive role model and support Young People through challenging crisis situations and help them to develop long term health coping strategies;
- Publicise and promote the aims and objectives of the organisation;
- Adhere to all organisational policies and procedures and the legislation & standards that are set by RQIA or OFSTED (Regulator) and all NISCC Registered Members (Northern Ireland);
- Evaluate the impact of all work undertaken, with emphasis placed on reflective practice and ensuring that Dynamic Risk Assessments are undertaken when in challenging crisis situations with Young People;
- Contribute to the overall evaluation of the organisation and the continued development of the Registered Service, this involves supporting learning from challenge incidents or ensuring that standards and expectations are followed within the Registered Home;
- Trauma Informed approach to be undertaken in regards to supporting Young People's complex trauma and pain based behaviours, team member to understand and increase knowledge & practice of TCI framework;
- Carry out duties and responsibilities in line with Health & Safety Policy Statutory Regulations and ensure that organisational Health & Safety expectations are adhered to in regards to the practice within the workplace, i.e. Registered Home;
- Assist and contribute to ongoing case management of Young People and assist in developing the Relevant Care Plans or Placement Documents in a partnership with the Relevant Authority. Ensure the completion of assigned Keyworker tasks and allocated Roles & Responsibilities by the Homes Management Team;
- Participate and have the ability to understand long term outcomes to be achieved (life skills, coping skills, school, health, therapy, family) and ensure appropriate child participation in all aspects of care this includes the daily running of the home through completion of daily tasks and positive role modelling around routines and boundaries;
- Create a comfortable and safe environment and maintain a high standard of care all young people within the home. This includes keeping the house clean, tidy, safe and reporting all damages etc. through the relevant processes within Safe Places for Children;
- Provide flexibility for all shifts including sleepovers (time off requests are not guaranteed) and ensure that rostering needs for the home are at a safe and adequate cover. Maximum Participation in team meetings, staff meetings, training, and supervision. It is expected that consistency is followed and a united approach is undertaken with regards to agreement and plans.
- Demonstrated ability to independently use Word. Demonstrated ability to independently and confidently use Internet Explorer. Ability to learn new computer skills with training or online tutorials;
- All staff members must complete relevant history checks and have a current Full UK Driver's License. Any changes to this all staff members must notify their line manager.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and ability to complete Online Reports and ensure that timeframes are adhered too in terms of expectations set by either the Registered Homes Management Team or Safe Places for Children.

- Youth Worker has a responsibility to complete ongoing Adhoc unplanned sessions with a young person that is residing within the registered home, these sessions are to be uploaded onto the Individual Case Site.
- Complete and participated in the daily running of the Registered Home, within the parameters that have been set by Safe Places for Children and the Homes Management Team, this includes but not limited to following Safeguarding and Health & Safety direction;
- Complete Documentation Uploads onto the Individual Case Site as directed by Safe Places for Children Policy & Training and as directed by the Registered Homes Management Team;
- Have the ability and skills to work effectively within a Team Setting, this includes working in small teams within the Registered Service, within the broader Safe Places team and broader stakeholder team;
- Undertake and participate in Crisis Management Sessions and opened to feedback and new approaches in supporting Young People within the Registered Service. Demonstrate ability to work through problems professionally and appropriately during potential crisis situations;
- Ensure the ongoing confidence of the public in the organisational service provision;
- Adhere to Safe Places for Children Equal Opportunities Policy throughout the course of employment;
- Participate and engage in a “step up” process in regards to short term position appointments that help ensure the delivery of the Registered Service or Safe Places for Children’s needs, this is to be agreed by the General Manager of Operation;
- Any other duties, roles and responsibilities deemed necessary by Management.

### **Pay and Terms and Conditions**

<b>Salary</b>	£30,004.00 per a Year (Reviewed after 6 Month Probation)
<b>Hours</b>	Full-time (38 Hours on Average per a Week & 2 Sleepovers) – this post will require flexible working hours to meet the needs of the organisation and this specific service. Safe Places for Children operate with an Hours Bank System.
<b>Holidays</b>	33 days per year including bank holidays
<b>Probation</b>	You will serve a probationary period of six months. This may be extended if considered appropriate.
<b>Waiting List</b>	A waiting list may be compiled for any similar fixed-term or permanent vacancies that arise in the next 12 months.

### **Shift Patterns**

- A regular shift is 24 hours long. It consists of 16 hours awake working time and 8 hours paid sleepover period. Shifts will be dependent on the need of the registered service.
- Three Shifts (One Week) and Two Shifts (Second Week) is a working example but shift needs are in line with the requirements needed for the children or young people.

Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will be an absolute disqualification. We will review this Job Description and it may include any other duties and responsibilities, as determine in consultation with the job holder. We do not intend to be rigid and inflexible but rather to provide guidelines within which the job holder works.

## **Records Management**

All Safe Places for Children employees are legally responsible for all records held, created or used as part of their business within Safe Places for Children, including client, corporate and administrative records whether paper-based or electronic and including emails. Safe Places expect all staff members to protect all associated data with regards to our line of work in a confidential and secure manner.

Staff members have a responsibility to report any breaches, issues or concerns about data protection through to Safe Places Data Protection Officer or their Supervisor. Staff members are to operate and manage data in line with the organisation's policies, processes and procedures. Staff members are to be aware and function in a process that meets legal requirements stipulated in the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

## **Essential Criteria**

- A minimum 2 years' experience working with traumatised children and young people that have displayed challenging and pain-based behaviours;
- A minimum Level 3 Diploma within a relevant subject discipline;
- Able to do shift work (approx. 5 shifts a fortnight for full time staff), and sleeping sleepovers;
- Hold a UK driving licence for more than 1 Year and no more than three penalty points;
- Be able to obtain either a positive working with children check such as an Enhance Access NI (Northern Ireland)
- To be willing to register with or already registered with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council either as part 1 or part 2 registration (Northern Ireland).

## **Desirable Criteria**

- A degree level in a relevant subject discipline;
- Be flexible around roster changes and meeting the needs of the registered service in relation to picking up shifts at short notice;