



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Project Worker 1**

#### **Barnardo's Northern Ireland**

<b>Location:</b>	Young Carers Service - Northern Locality Newtownabbey, Larne, Carrickfergus, Islandmagee
<b>Work Base:</b>	Home based with opportunity for hybrid working, using various Barnardo's workspaces in the Northern locality
<b>Contract:</b>	37hrs - Fixed Term until 3rd April 2026 (Maternity Cover)
<b>Grade / Salary:</b>	E – Children's Services - £23,868 - £29,172 FTE
<b>Accountable For:</b>	The supervision of volunteers where they currently exist or in the event that the Service develops volunteer roles.
<b>Accountable To:</b>	Children's Services Manager

You will have received a Project Worker 1 job description and person specification. This is a generic role in use throughout the organisation which Barnardo's uses 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 any further information included in this Additional Information Sheet. This should be done with an understanding of the context of the service described.

### **Overview of Service**

The Barnardo's Young Carers Service is part of the Northern Ireland Regional Young Carers Service. The Service works with young people aged 8-18 years who are caring for a relative at home and are impacted by that role. Young carers may have a role in looking after a sibling with a disability, a parent with a physical or mental health problem or a family member who has been misusing substances. The support offered to young carers and their families starts with an initial assessment following which agreement is reached on a range of supports including; individual work, peer support, focussed group work. The Service also raises awareness of young carers and supports them to lobby for improved services.



To achieve positive outcomes staff work closely with other professionals and agencies as well as with colleagues in the team and across Barnardo's.

### **Initial Specific Responsibilities**

- To provide advice, support and services to children, young people and their families in accordance with the aims and objectives of the service.
- To work with children, young people and their families, on a one to one or group basis, using a variety of interventions, to identify needs and to achieve positive outcomes.
- To work in partnership with parents/carers to empower them and to enable them to achieve better outcomes for their children.
- To work co-operatively with children's services, health agencies and other community based services, to provide the most effective service for children young people and families.
- To apply safeguarding and child protection procedures.
- To be responsible for equipment/resources used in day to day work.
- To complete accurate recording of work undertaken using Barnardo's electronic recording system.

**Please note, in order to be shortlisted for interview you MUST clearly indicate on your application that you fully meet each of the criteria below marked as Essential.**

### **Essential Criteria**

- Experience of dealing with issues and factors that impact on vulnerable children and young people and/or families (e.g. disability, poverty, disadvantage).
  - Experience of working independently; diary planning to manage workload and problem solving issues that occur in the course of a working day
  - Demonstrable experience of engaging with families – both parents and children
  - As the work will include transporting children/young people the post holder must have access to a car. A full driving licence and appropriate business insurance are also essential and evidence of these documents will be required if appointed.
- \* As driving is an intrinsic part of this role, applicants with a disability that prevents them from driving should be able to demonstrate an alternative means of meeting the mobility requirements of the post.

### **Desirable Criteria**

- Demonstrable experience of delivering group work to children / young people.
- Demonstrable experience of multi-disciplinary working.

Successful applicants will be required to undertake an Enhanced Access NI with Child and Adult Barred List Check.