

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

CAMHS / Education Welfare Service Acorn House, Gloucester

Primary Mental Health Worker – Band 6
Salary: £23,458 - £31,779 per annum pro rata
Hours: 37.5 hours per week
Permanent Contract – Term Time Only

We are looking for an experienced individual with a social work, teaching, nursing, allied healthcare professional or similar professional qualification to join our primary mental health team. This post is an exciting opportunity to work within Gloucestershire Children and Young People's Directorate in the Hospital Education Service (HES), whilst also maintaining links with the Gloucestershire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) teams. The HES provides high quality specialist education support to children and young people with medical needs. The primary mental health worker will be part of the outreach team, comprised of teachers and teaching assistants which are based Cheltenham. The post holder will extend the work of the service by providing advice and support on the mental health aspects of the physical health needs and will support children and their families at home and during re-integration into school; working in a mixed range of settings and locations, including hospitals, schools and family homes. The aim is to ensure that the service's commitment to inclusion is sustained across all aspects of its work so making it possible for a child to have a seamless transition between hospital, home and school. The role will also include offering consultation to other professionals alongside supervision, liaison, training and direct clinical assessments as appropriate. This role will deal with a broad range of queries and demands.

The ideal candidate will have relevant experience within their professional field and will have a broad range of experience working with children and adolescents with mental health needs. This role demands excellent communication skills; the ability to work effectively within a multi-disciplinary team and with other agencies and a robust knowledge of all relevant legislation and policies, including Child protection issues.

For informal visits or further questions contact Rod Gay, Clinical Services Manager, on 0845 422 6010.

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Interviews to be held on 8 April 2008