

## **Wynd Counselling Service Part-Time Paid Play Therapy Role Description**

Since January 2018, the Counselling Manager of Wynd Counselling Service has been developing a play therapy service for a small number of children and families.

The Wynd Centre Board of Management plan to recruit a part-time Paid Trainee Play Therapist to support the Counselling Manager, to further develop the counselling service to support children and young people. The Wynd Board of Management invite qualified counsellors with knowledge of child safeguarding and some experience of emotionally supporting children or young people to apply for this training opportunity and part time paid role.

This opportunity requires an essential commitment to undertake further professional training toward a post-graduate qualification in child play therapy to fulfil this role.

The ideal candidate would be an experienced Person-Centred Counsellor who may also be professionally qualified as a Play Therapist or willing to train further.

External or internal candidates who are already trained in Person-Centred Counselling to Diploma level and willing to undertake additional professional training toward a postgraduate Play Therapy qualification, (funded by The Wynd Counselling Service) will also be considered.

Person Centred Counsellors with more than one year of post graduate adult counselling experience will be considered, on the understanding that this opportunity involves a commitment to the service during training over a two-year period.

The service is based at the Wynd Centre, 6 School Wynd, Paisley, PA1 2DB.

### **General Role Description**

The preferred candidate would be interested in developing this service to parents and children, working in partnership with families and/or relevant care professionals.

This role is a part-time contract of 5- 10 hours per week, ideally to be worked over a Wednesday and/or Thursday, in co-operation with the Counselling Manager.

### **Essential Skills & Requirements**

In close co-operation with the Counselling Service Manager, this role will involve the following tasks / skills or abilities:

- ability to communicate well with people at all levels;
- assessing the play therapy needs of referred clients;
- Co-operating with administrative staff to manage client appointments;
- undertaking assessments using SDQ questionnaires;
- writing play therapy reports;

- liaising with GP's, Health Visitors and CPNs to support vulnerable adult clients, in co-operation with the Counselling Service Manager;
- attending weekly meetings with the Counselling Service Manager;
- once qualified, offering CPD training opportunities, e.g. adult and child protecting training & suicide risk assessment training;
- undertaking a student play therapy training placement at the Wynd Centre.
- A strong interest in child mental health and play therapy is essential.

### **Desirable Experience**

- previous job-sharing experience
- previous experience of supporting the children and families
- direct child or young person counselling experience

### **Essential Knowledge Required**

Professional understanding of confidential record keeping as per BACP Professional Standards, ICO Guidelines & The Data Protection Act (2018) / GDPR is essential, as is an understanding of confidential limit setting with regard to safeguarding vulnerable adults (or children) at risk of harm.

### **Essential Qualifications**

Potential applicants require a Degree or Diploma in Adult Counselling, with at least 1 year of post-graduate adult counselling experience.

### **Further Details**

This is a three year funded opportunity, anticipated to start in early April 2020.

Application forms can be requested by calling the Wynd Centre on 0141 887 4647.

The closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Selection interviews will be held between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

### **Salary**

Rate negotiable at interview.