

## Making a lifetime of difference to children in schools

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### Job Description

**Job Title:** Consultant Clinical Psychologist

**Reporting to:** TBA

In response to the Grenfell tragedy in West London, we are expanding our service within existing schools and offering support to new schools and children's centres in the vicinity. We are working alongside other agencies to provide expert counselling and mental health support for children, young people, parents and school staff both immediately, and in the months and years to come. This includes emergency drop-in services and full time intensive support.

This is sensitive, demanding and fulfilling work. You will require experience, compassion and resilience to work in schools and children's centres to help support and nurture vulnerable children, young people and families to help the community heal and rebuild after this devastating event.

Place2Be is the leading children's mental health charity providing in-school support and expert training to improve the emotional wellbeing of pupils, families, teachers and school staff.

We provide emotional and therapeutic services in over 280 primary and secondary schools in England, Scotland and Wales, reaching a school population of 116,000 children - building children's resilience early in life through counselling, creative work and play. We also provide training on mental health and wellbeing for teachers and other professionals who work with children and young people, so we can help to build 'mentally healthy' schools and communities where all children can thrive and grow up with prospects not problems.

We ask staff to share our core values of perseverance, integrity, compassion and creativity and have the professional skills and the empathy to support some of the UK's most vulnerable children, young people and families. It's sensitive, demanding work and hugely rewarding and fulfilling as you will be helping give children brighter futures.

### Overall purpose of the role

To provide a highly specialist psychology service to Schools, Day Centres and Professionals in the West London area, including specialist assessment, treatment, planning, implementation and monitoring of outcomes.

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## Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Carry out risk assessments on children and young people, and work under the management of the Project Manager and in collaboration with senior clinicians to manage these situations effectively
- To provide a specialised clinical psychology service to clients of the team, across all sectors of care; providing highly specialist psychological assessment, therapy and group work at the same time as offering advice and consultation on clients' psychological care to non-psychologist colleagues and to other, non-professional carers, working autonomously within professional guidelines and the overall framework of the team's policies and procedures
- To support non Psychologist colleagues in connections and communications with statutory services such as CAMHS and other specialist agencies
- To contribute to enabling other staff, service users and carers from diverse backgrounds to flourish by working to create a psychologically safe environment
- To provide clinical supervision and consultation as appropriate, functioning as a lead specialist in trauma
- To undertake service evaluation, audit and research and reports as required
- To work as an autonomous professional within BPS and HCPC guidelines and codes of conduct, and guided by principles and policies or procedures of the service, taking responsibility for interpreting policies within defined parameters
- To agree outcomes/results with clinical/professional lead and to decide how they are best achieved
- To support (advise, teach, train, direct, enable, supervise, etc.) multi-disciplinary colleagues in providing interventions and support to the young people and their families
- To contribute to the development and improvement of the service
- To implement policies and procedures in own area of work, and to propose improvements or beneficial changes

## Flexibility

The role description is a general outline of duties and responsibilities and may be amended as Place2Be develops and the role grows. The post holder may be required to undertake other duties as may be reasonably required from time to time.

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### Person Specification

The person specification outlines the main criteria for the post and short listing will be based on the following criteria. Please ensure that your supporting statement clearly shows how you meet the criteria using experience gained either in paid or voluntary work.

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>Criteria</b> E = Essential D = Desirable	<b>Measured by</b> A = Application I = Interview
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology or equivalent	E	A
Completed relevant training course in clinical supervision	D	A
Registered with the HCPC as Practitioner Psychologist, and evidence of continuing professional development as required by the HCPC	E	A
Experience working within other agencies or part of a multidisciplinary service	E	A & I
An understanding of the skills needed to provide emotional and therapeutic support to children and young people in schools	E	A & I
Experience of using a range of assessment techniques with children and young people	E	A & I
Track record of delivering exceptional performance and quality, and leading or working within high performing teams	E	A & I
Knowledge of the theory and practice of specialised psychological assessments and interventions for children and young people to include complex trauma, and parenting interventions	E	A & I
Knowledge of legislation in relation to the client group and mental health issues, child and adult protection, and equalities	E	A & I
Doctoral level knowledge of psychological research methodology and complex statistical analysis	D	A & I

## Abilities and skills

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Strong interpersonal and communication skills; ability to communicate and influence others through both verbal and written media and demonstrates the ability to build effective partnerships	E	I
Ability to work in an organised and efficient manner within an overall service format and to develop positive, productive relationships with colleagues within Place2Be and other agencies	E	I
Ability to advise on appropriate measures for service evaluation	E	I
An ability to represent Place2Be at the highest level to schools and academy sponsors, partner organisations, government bodies and funders	E	I
Ability to use own initiative and pay close attention to detail; capable of hands-on problem solving, with ability to generate ideas and solutions	E	I
An understanding and awareness of Place2Be's equal opportunities policy and a personal commitment to equality of opportunity	E	I
Ability to work non-standard hours and to travel occasionally	E	I

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