Person Specification

Principal Clinical Psychologist- Child and Adolescent Mental health Service (CAMHS) Band 8 Subject to AFC

Job Requirements	Essential	Desirable
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS		
Good honours degree (min 2:1) in Psychology	x	
Registration as a Practitioner Psychologist with HCPC	x	
Post-graduate doctorate in Clinical Psychology (or equivalent for those trained before 1996) as accredited by BPS & HCPC	х	
Training for and/or experience of clinical supervision of practicing psychologists and/or doctoral degree trainees Post qualification training or experience in utilising psychological theories and therapies to complex mental health presentations.	x x	
Other specialist further training or experience in psychological therapies with children and young people.	x	
Completion of Clinical Supervision training as provided by doctoral training courses to enable post holder to be able to supervise and assess clinical doctorate trainees. Specialist training in a therapy	x	
EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE		
Ability & preparedness to work to professional guidelines.	x	
Ability to interpret general clinical, professional & organisational policies & to use own independent initiative to establish how they should be applied within the area of specialty.	x	
Substantial post-qualification experience in the area of Child and Adolescent Mental Health mental health.	x	
Some experience of NHS management tasks (e.g. supervision of junior psychology staff; recruitment & selection)	x	
Direct clinical experience of work in a range of settings and by remote delivery of psychological work.	x	

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Experience of negotiating with NHS managers, professional colleagues & x x Learning junior psychology staff x x Substantial experience or training in more than one therapeutic intervention specialty X Training and/or substantial experience of psychological assessment,	
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formulation & intervention with a range of different child and adolescent	
mental health disorders and presentations.	
Ability to design & implement policy for specialist psychological services & to propose service changes that impact beyond that area of activity	
Ability to professionally manage staff within the speciality X	
SKILLS AND ABILITY	
Physical skills:	
Standard keyboard skills, driving licence.	
Skills in the administration of psychometric tests where timing and accurate manipulation are essential to accuracy.	
IT skills:	
Sound knowledge of software and general IT competence.	
Knowledge and experience of Electronic Patient Record Systems	
PERSONAL: Planning & organising: Capacity to plan and prioritise many competing complex ongoing tasks including patient contacts, research activity, supervision of psychology and non-psychology staff, service development activities and representation of service. Skills in co-ordinating, chairing and arranging multidisciplinary meetings and activity in relation to patient care and other activities.X	
Ability to contain & work with organisational stress	
Ability to hold the stress of colleagues & other relevant persons	
Ability to manage continual exposure to distressing and highly emotional X clinical material	
Ability to cope with physical requirements of job	
Ability to sit in one position for lengthy periods during clinics	

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Ability to operate within irregular working hours and to engage in remote working.	Х	
Current full driving licence & use of a car	х	