

Role profile

Role title	Approved Mental Health Professional
Corporate directorate	Adult Social Care
Service	Adult Care and Support
Grade	K
Reports to (role title)	Team Manager/Principal Social Worker/Senior Practitioner
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Role purpose

Under the leadership and management of the Team Manager/Principal Social Worker/Senior Practitioner you will be a core member of either the multi-disciplinary integrated Community Mental Health Team which includes the Home Treatment Team based with Cornwall Foundation Trust (CFT) or the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Team based within the Council.

Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPs) are required to work collaboratively with colleagues from different teams, disciplines and partner organisations in order to provide a seamless service to individuals/families/carers. To undertake assessment of risk involving safeguarding of children/vulnerable adults/carers and their families across a range of settings.

To work at the required level of professional competence as detailed in Adult Social Care practice standards and quality assurance framework and in line with the national standards required to maintain professional registration (*Schedule 2 to the Mental Health (AMHP) (England) Regulations 2008*). AMHPs will ensure they maintain and improve their knowledge and skills and contribute to the learning and development of other members of the team, keeping up to date with developments in mental health social work practice and have awareness of other relevant policy applicable to role and context.

Each role involves working as a highly capable practitioner assessing and delivering on complex and high risk cases, working with people who have acute mental health problems to help them and their families/carers cope with the social, emotional, economic and environmental problems that may arise, helping them retain independence and live as normal a life as possible in the community. In achieving these objectives, the AMHP will mobilise the personal resources of clients, families and communities and draw upon other statutory bodies and the private and voluntary sector where appropriate.

As representatives of Adults Social Care Directorate, behaviour and conduct should be professional at all times, reflecting the values of the department and the council.

Dimensions

Annual financial accountability

Oversight of costs in terms of finance and resource relating to each case that is allocated but no overall budgetary responsibility.

Management accountability

No direct line management accountability but it is a requirement of the role to provide mentoring and support to vocationally qualified, student social workers and newly qualified Social Workers (NQSW's).

Accountabilities

Cornwall Council is a dynamic organisation and the particular duties and accountabilities may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the role or the level of responsibility entailed. Individual objectives will be agreed via the PDS appraisal process

- The AMHP will be required to maintain their knowledge regarding social policy and social work practice and ensure compliance at all times with key legislative frameworks, their regulations, codes of practice and national and local guidance. Key legislative areas include:
 - Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended 2007)
 - Mental Capacity Act 2005
 - Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards 2008
 - Human Rights Act 1998
 - Care Act 2014
- To be compliant with and carry out all statutory responsibilities as an AMHP as laid down in S 13 of the MHA 1983 (outlined in Chapter 14 of the Code of Practice): coordinating MHAs and making Applications on behalf of Cornwall Council where appropriate
- To actively promote self-learning to ensure professional development and provide high quality practice in line with the Mental Health (AMHP) Regulations 2008 , to actively contribute to appropriate supervision, appraisal and development opportunities, observing the requirements of the HCPC
- To work with other team members and multi-disciplinary team members from other agencies to meet the needs of vulnerable adults, operating as an effective member of the operational team
- To ensure the views and wishes of individuals and carers are given appropriate consideration and are central to all decision making
- To act to protect adults in need of support services in line with legal requirements and Adult Social Care procedures and to ensure that all aspects of the councils safeguarding policies are observed
- To act within a framework which promotes independence, prevention, re-ablement and self-determination; facilitating effective communication with families, carers, individuals and other agencies
- Work within the Council's budgetary framework and have understanding with regard to Local Authority legal limits and negotiation with Continuing Health Care and other streams of funding.

Corporate accountabilities

Information security and governance

Manage information in line with the Council's policies, procedures and guidance on subjects such as Data Protection, Freedom of Information, confidentiality, information security and sharing, the information lifecycle and data quality, to ensure compliance and efficient and effective information governance

Safeguarding

Maintain awareness of Council policies and practices regarding the safeguarding of children, young people and/ or adults who may be at risk. Report concerns/ allegations in accordance with corporate guidance and procedures

Equality & Diversity

Work to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and report incidents as they occur. Treat everyone with dignity and respect and ensure individual's needs are met. Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language constructively, advising on alternatives so the opportunity for change can be considered

Customer Experience

Drive to continually improve customer satisfaction and maintain a clear and consistent focus on delivering outstanding customer experience

Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Contribute to the management of health and safety risks and the creation of a positive health and safety culture to safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of yourself and others. Understand your health and safety responsibilities and comply with council policy and procedures

Key objectives

- To ensure that service users, carers and families are fully involved in the process of assessment and support planning; their views are taken into account, appropriately recorded and are central to decision making.
- To offer advice and early initial MHA eligibility guidance by telephone or email to promote a swift advice line service where possible for NHS and other colleagues
- To ensure that within an allocated caseload statutory timescales for assessment of need are met; that performance targets are adhered to and that there is a seamless transition between teams
- To actively participate in the performance management system including supervision, team meetings, service area meetings and to contribute to the development of the service plan
- To meet all AMHP responsibilities in respect of Guardianship obligations.

Competencies and other requirements

We use the following criteria below to assess your suitability for the role; please refer to the recruitment & selection column to establish at which stage the criteria are assessed. Requirements assessed at the 'Application' stage represent the minimum essential requirement for shortlisting purposes

Behaviours	Recruitment and selection
<p>Working together</p> <p>You understand and focus on customer satisfaction and work well with colleagues and partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You deliver exceptional customer service – you understand and are attentive to the needs of your customers• You listen to the views of others and seek them out• You support and show consideration for others• You work well with colleagues and partners and acknowledge the different ideas, perspectives and backgrounds of others• You are committed to the protection and safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults• You share information and expertise with others• You are honest, you respect and you build relationships of trust• You share your achievements and acknowledge the achievements of others	
<p>Resourceful</p> <p>You apply expertise, solve problems and make improvements to</p>	

<p>deliver the best possible customer outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You plan and organise your work and manage your time effectively • You gather relevant information, analyse it and make timely informed decisions in the course of your work • You are flexible and adaptable • You respond constructively to change • You demonstrate financial awareness relevant to the job you do • You use your initiative and are creative in problem solving • You deliver results and demonstrate commitment to serving customers 	
<p>Personal responsibility</p> <p>You take responsibility for your work, your environment and your development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are trustworthy and reliable • You pay attention to your own health, safety and wellbeing and that of others • You acknowledge errors, report them as appropriate and play your part in addressing them • You appropriately challenge unhelpful behaviour • You seek feedback and review your own contribution • You are open to change and improvement • You take responsibility for your development • You are enthusiastic about and take pride in your work • You act as an ambassador for the Council to our customers 	

Knowledge, skills & experience	Recruitment and selection
Recognised relevant professional qualification (Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Nurse, Psychologist) with relevant registration (e.g. HCPC or NMC)	Application Form
PG Dip/Higher Specialist Award – Approved Mental Health Professional.	Application Form
Nationally recognised and accredited Best Interest Assessor Award	Application Form
Prepared to complete core training	Interview
Expert knowledge and experience of relevant legislation, policy and principles, including Social Care and Human Rights legislation and Person Centred Practice	Application Form Interview Assessment
Professional expertise and demonstrable experience in social care with adults in need of support services and their families	Application Form Interview
A good working knowledge and ability to use information technology and related operational systems	Interview Assessment
Ability to undertake complex assessments of need, risks, strengths, produce analysis and translate into a coherent plan and	Application Form Interview

<p>outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrable skills in record keeping. - Demonstrable skills in analysis of information - Demonstrable presentation skills (referring to the presentation in either panel of court of meeting etc.) - Understanding of the management structure and accountability levels within a statutory Social Care/Health organisation. 	
Track record of and transferable insights into good practice in customer service, financial and people management	Application Form Interview
Proficient at dealing with challenging behaviours and delivering difficult messages	Application Form Interview
Enhanced interviewing skills with an ability to gather information in difficult situations such as family conflict and mental health interventions	Interview Assessment
Proficient in negotiating skills to ensure the best possible support packages both in the community and in a residential setting	Interview Assessment

Other requirements	Recruitment and selection
The normal duties of the role may involve travel on a regular or occasional basis. It is a condition of employment that you can exercise satisfactory travel mobility in order to fulfil the obligations of the role. For those journeys where an alternative form of transport is unavailable or impracticable you will be required to provide a suitable vehicle	Application Form
This position is subject to a criminal records disclosure check	YES
This is a politically restricted position	NO