

School Counsellor

Job Summary

You will provide 5 hours of counselling per week in term-time

YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- You will be a qualified, registered counsellor with additional training/experience in working with children and young people.
- You will have experience of working with trauma or keen to develop your therapeutic skills in this area.
- You will be trauma-focused in your approach and have experience of working with children, young people and their parents/carers.
- You will be committed to high quality therapy standards with a passion for using your therapy skills to facilitate good outcomes.
- You will be willing to work in an educational setting where you will be part of the school
- As a team player you will be keen to share your skills and specialisms and also learn from others.

For an informal conversation about this vacancy please contact: Hannah Power, Therapeutic Lead on 01440761511 or 07572168535 or email hpower@samuelward.co.uk

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job title: School Counsellor

Contract:

Salary:

(Starting salary dependent on qualifications / accreditation / experience)

Hours: 6 hours per week (part time)

Location: Samuel Ward Academy, Haverhill

Responsible to: Therapeutic Lead

Key tasks and responsibilities:

1. To provide counselling with a focus on recovery with young people who may have experienced adversity, working to a trauma treatment plan and outcome measures.
2. To work in accordance with professional ethics, national standards and guidelines and within the remit of the service contract.
3. To work with parents, carers and professionals in support of the young people we work with.
4. Ensure that all work adheres to Samuel Ward Academy's Safeguarding Policy and ensure procedures are followed in the event of any child protection issues or concerns
5. To comply with Samuel Ward Academy's Health and Safety Policy, and Data Protection Policy to protect the health, safety and welfare of themselves and others
6. To comply with Samuel Ward Academy's Diversity & Equality Policy in every aspect of your work and positively promote the principles amongst colleagues, service users and other members of the community.
7. To maintain and submit monthly statistical data of client information in the required formats and within the required timescales.
8. Provide information and assist with the production of reports and monitoring, as required.

9. Take responsibility for accessing regular case, and clinical supervision.
10. Work flexibly as may be required by the needs of the service and carry out any other reasonable duties as required

Person Specifications

Essential	Desirable
A recognised professional qualification in child and adolescent psychotherapy or counselling at a minimum of Dip /PGDip level or above. Registered with an appropriate professional organisation relevant to therapy modality (e.g. UKCP, AFT, ACP, BACP, BAAT, BAMT, BPS, HCPC, BADth, BAPT etc).	Accredited within specific therapy modality, or actively working towards this. Demonstrable post qualifying experience
Experience of providing counselling to children, and young people.	Training or experience in providing therapy using a trauma focussed approach and specific trauma processing (e.g. EMDR, CATT)
Knowledge of the impact of adversity and trauma on children.	Demonstrate theoretical and applied knowledge of the impact of trauma on children
Demonstrable experience of working with young people	Experience of working with hard to reach young people and their families with complex needs.
Knowledge experience of issues facing young people	Experience of working with young people, who are at risk of exclusion, family/placement breakdown and the issues they face.
Ability to work uniquely to meet the individual needs of the young person.	Experience of working uniquely to meet the individual needs of the young person.
Understanding of working in a nonclinical setting	Experience of working in an educational setting
Ability to offer assessments, working to a clear therapeutic plan in accordance with identified needs.	Experience of sharing knowledge and skills with colleagues and other professionals.
Excellent written and oral presentation skills, with ability to keep concise and accurate records	Ability to produce informative well written reports.
Willingness to work as part of a team.	Experience of working as part of a multidisciplinary team
Willingness to comply with Samuel Ward Academy's Equality and Diversity Policy in every aspect of your work and positively promote the principles of these policies amongst colleagues, service users and other members of the community.	
Demonstrate a good working knowledge of child Safeguarding protocols and procedures, an ability to assess risk and respond appropriately to concerns	
A commitment to undertake appropriate professional training, supervision and continuing professional development.	

The ability to work autonomously and to plan, prioritise, work under pressure and adapt to new models of working.	
Skilled in the use of IT including the ability to use Microsoft packages e.g. excel, outlook.	
Ability to develop and implement qualitative and quantitative monitoring and evaluation.	
The ability to work flexibly as required	
Commitment to long term work	

Our vision is to live in a world where trauma and its impact are understood, creating a compassionate society who accept, value and respect each other.