**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Clinical /Counselling Psychologist, or Trauma therapist, within the CHUMS Trauma Service

**Job Summary:**

As a clinician in the CHUMS Trauma Service, you will provide an early telephone consult to every referral accepted to the service, including an initial risk assessment, and offering advice and support as appropriate. The Trauma role would also be to deliver trauma psychoeducation and support workshops to parent/carers; to deliver individual and group therapy for children and young people (aged 5-18 years) in the service, using an evidence-based approach for CYP affected by trauma.

The position is for 2 days a week, for 6 months. The roles would amount to 0.4 FTE. Applicants for 1 day a week will also be considered.

The role can be undertaken in a hybrid working model including remote and face-to-face working.

**Responsibilities:**

* To provide expertise and specialist psychological advice, guidance and consultation
* To undertake risk assessment and risk management advice for individual clients.
* To communicate in a highly skilled and sensitive manner, making recommendations for the psychological care of the client
* To deliver our Trauma group programme for parent/carers, and for children/young people.
* To offer assessment and evidence-based individual therapy for children/adolescents who present with post traumatic symptoms. To conduct clinical assessments; plan, deliver and record individual therapy intervention, liaise with other professionals and provide a written report on discharge.
* To attend supervision
* To comply with all policies and procedures including safeguarding protocols and risk assessments. To follow procedures and targets relevant to electronic record keeping and collection of ROMS.
* To attend relevant internal meetings and training sessions
* To adhere to professional bodies code of ethics (BACP or HCPC Ethical Framework etc)

**Person specification:**

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|  | ESSENTIAL | DESIRABLE | **ASSESSED** |
| **Education and**  **Training** | * Post graduate doctoral level (PhD or DPsych) training in Clinical or counselling Psychology as accredited by the BPS. Member of the British Psychological Society and/or Registered with Health Care Professions Council * Or postgraduate training in CBT in line with the registration requirements of the BABCP. * Specialist training in clinical child and adolescent psychology interventions and/or assessment approaches. * Knowledge on traumatic death and post-traumatic stress | * Computer, I.T. and Internet skills. * Certified CBT practitioner * EMDR Training * Bereavement training | Certificate  CV  Interview |
| Experience | * At least two years’ experience working therapeutically with CYP. * Ability to teach/present to large gatherings * Ability to facilitate group programmes * Experience of working in a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency setting * Experience of delivering clinical assessment and treatment for children and adolescents. * Experience of delivering clinical assessment, including risk assessment, and treatment across the lifespan * Experience of IT systems. Ability to record and report on data relating to clinical delivery | * 2 Years or more experience in CAMHS * Experience of delivering therapeutic intervention via video communication platform e.g., Teams, Zoom. * Experience of multi-agency working with the public sector * Experience in providing adult interventions | CV  Interview |
| KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS | * Postgraduate or Doctoral level knowledge of clinical /counselling psychology including knowledge of trauma and the developmental impact of trauma on children/adults.      * Excellent communication skills in supporting parent/carers and clients. * Patient and empathetic communication skills in order to support adults and children very recently bereaved by suicide. * Ability to carry out clinical risk assessment and advise on risk management * The ability to collaborate with parent/carers to agree strategies they can implement at home for the psychological care of their child | * Knowledge of referral criteria and processes to local mental health services and support services. * Experience and knowledge of bereavement and traumatic bereavement * Experience and knowledge of BAME communities and issues arising from diversity. * Knowledge of trauma-informed care * Trauma-informed awareness of the barriers families may experience to service engagement | CV  Interview |
| PERSONAL | * Enthusiasm for supporting families in times of difficulty. * Warm facilitating style and ability to work co-operatively for the benefit of service users. * Ability to deal with distressing and highly emotive situations | Commitment to working with families who may be hard to reach/engage | Interview |
| OTHER | * Ability to follow clinical governance in the face of highly emotive material and dysregulated clients. * Based at home with the ability to work in a confidential space at home. * Ability to travel to community venues to provide face-to-face intervention as required * Ability to work flexible hours to meet the needs of the service |  | Interview |