



Job Description

Title:	Senior Specialist Bereavement Practitioner (Children and young people)
Reporting to:	Bereavement Service Manager
Location:	Across Kent, ideally located in Thanet, Ashford or Dover areas. Home based admin, client based work face-to-face across Kent.
Hours per week:	Up to 37.5 hours per week – will consider part-time/job share. Fixed term for 6 months.
Salary Level:	£40,000 – £43,742 per annum FTE

JOB PURPOSE:

The Specialist Bereavement Practitioner will support children, young people, young adults (CYP/YA's) up to 25 years and their families who have been bereaved. They will offer a range of evidence-based interventions to support the specialist needs of children and young people who are experiencing complex grief or traumatic bereavement. You will have experience formulating and tailoring interventions for bereaved clients with higher intensity or more complex needs. The post holder will be a source of advice and support for professionals across Kent and Medway. You will be experienced in working collaboratively with other professionals to ensure holistic and joined up support for CYP.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Direct 1:1 and group bereavement focused intervention with children, young people, young adults, parents and carers by:
 - Conducting structured assessments and producing collaborative care plans
 - Providing bereavement focused intervention for individual children, young people and young adults
 - Co-facilitating and supporting the development of bereavement workshops and groupwork
- To provide expertise and specialist bereavement advice, guidance, consultation and signposting for young people who may be presenting with a

variety of social and emotional difficulties based on potentially complex circumstances and issues

- Indirect working with professionals to provide holistic and robust support for the CYP
- To undertake risk assessment and management (clinical and safeguarding) for individual clients
- Use standardised routine outcome measures to assess and evaluate clients
- To work with the team to ensure that service key performance indicators are being met e.g. timely processing of referrals and contacts with families, completed paired outcomes measures
- Utilise supervision effectively to appropriately manage any clinical concerns for clients
- To complete all associated documentation and paperwork relevant to the role, within the service and best practice guidelines.
- To comply with all CHUMS policies and procedures including safeguarding protocols and risk assessments
- Attend drop ins and be available to offer advice and support
- Ensure Making Every Contact Count (MECC) is embedded across the service
- To communicate in a highly skilled and sensitive manner, which is accessible and developmentally appropriate

Key relationships:

Clinical Director	Accountable to
Bereavement Manager	Line managed by
Volunteers	Works with and supports
Placements	Works with and supports
CONNECT SUPG	Liaise with
CAMHS	Liaise with
Childhood Bereavement Network (CBN)	Liaise with
Schools/ colleges	Liaise with
Key stakeholders	Liaise with
CYP and families	Ensures best practice for clinical delivery

Analytical and Judgemental:

- Required to understand complex facts of situations with children/young people and their families.
- Undertake initial assessment of children's and families needs which may include multiple and complex issues.
- To provide appropriate information to families and professionals about the needs of bereaved children and young people.

- To be aware of referral pathways for other appropriate services

Planning and Organisation:

- Manage own caseload.
- Assist in the co-ordination and facilitation of workshops for children, young people, and their families.
- Completion of Routine Outcome Measures

Physical:

- Combination of sitting, standing, walking, frequently in a restricted position.
- Regular travel across the county.
- Frequent lifting of resources.
- Keyboard skills.
- Assessment tools.

Patient and Client Care:

- Develop and deliver therapeutic care interventions to children, young people, and their families.
- Provide specialist advice to families and other professionals.

Policy and Service:

- Follows policies in own role.
- Implements policies and proposes changes to practice and procedures for own area of working and works in conjunction with the CHUMS team to develop practice for the wider service.

Financial and Physical Resources:

- Personal duty of care in relation to equipment and resources.
- Careful use of all facilities used by CHUMS.

Information Resources:

- Records personally generated information and updates case notes on PCMIS database within 24 hours.
- Writes reports in relation to the needs of individual children and young people to other agencies where appropriate.

Research and Development:

- Contributes to regular audit/ evaluation and analysis of clinical activity in relation to own work and CHUMS.

Freedom to Act:

- Works independently with families and volunteers within policies and codes of conduct.
- Has autonomy to manage own caseload

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mental Effort:

- Frequent intense concentration
- In-depth proactive mental attention for assessment and during interventions offered to children and young people
- Intense concentration for facilitating groups for children, young people, and parent/carers

Emotional Effort:

- Frequent highly distressing or emotional circumstances in supporting children/young people and their families.
- Frequent dealing with multiple complex issues.

Working Conditions:

- Occasional/frequent emotional distressing situations
- Occasional/ frequent risk of physical/ verbal aggression.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Variation

This job profile is not intended to be a complete list of duties and responsibilities but as a guide for information to the job and may be reviewed in the light of changed needs and as part of an individual's personal development plan. Any changes will be made following discussion with the post holder.

The post holder will be expected to undertake ongoing personal, professional and management development in line with the responsibilities of the post.

Equal Opportunity

All employees must comply with CHUMS Social Enterprise Equal Opportunity Policy and must not discriminate on the grounds of age, class, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national grounds, disability, family responsibilities, gender, marital status, religion or sexual orientation or any other grounds which cannot be shown to be justifiable.

Health and Safety

All employees are subject to the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work Act. The post holder is required to ensure that his/her work methods do not endanger themselves or others.

Data Protection/Confidentiality

All employees are subject to the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 and must maintain strict confidentiality in respect of patient and staff records and information.

Continuing Professional Development

The post holder will be expected to undertake ongoing personal, professional and management development in line with the responsibilities of the post.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION
Family Care Practitioner (Bereavement)

Requirements	Essential	Desirable	Assessed
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling or psychology qualification • Accredited member of HCPC, BACP (MBACP accredited or working towards accreditation) or BABCP • Training in bereavement, loss, and grief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in Trauma • Child and Adolescent counselling certificate 	Certificate Interview
Knowledge and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least two years' experience of working therapeutically with bereaved CYP and families • Experience of delivering assessment and intervention for children and adolescents, including clinical and safeguarding risk assessment and management • Experience of working in a multi-disciplinary setting • Ability to record and report on data relating to case activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of facilitating groups • Experience of providing virtual support • Knowledge of referral criteria and processes to local mental health services and support services • Knowledge of trauma-informed care and the barriers families may experience to service engagement 	Application Interview
Skills and Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent communication skills in supporting both children/young people and adults as well as other professionals • Excellent computer and IT skills 		Interview

Requirements	Essential	Desirable	Assessed
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empathic facilitating style with children, families and other professionals and the ability to work co-operatively for the benefit of service users. • Ability to cope with high workload and multiple demands on time • Ability to manage time effectively and prioritise workload • Ability to deal with highly distressing and emotive situations • A demonstrated commitment to service development through evaluation and audit 		Interview
Other Requirements (eg UK driving licence, shift/weekend working, travel away from home)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car driver • Will be required to travel to visit children and families across Kent. • Ability to work flexible hours to meet the needs of the service • Flexible to work occasional weekends and evenings 		Interview

Candidates will only be invited for interview if they meet the essential criteria for this post. The desirable criteria will be used to shortlist where the application of the essential criteria only, produces a large number of applicants.