



Person Specification: **Counsellor / Play Therapist for Children & Young People (Sessional)**

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	- Recognised therapeutic qualifications in Counselling / therapy with Children & Young People (or equivalent) - Diploma, (or equivalent) counselling / therapy qualification, or to have acquired a minimum of 100 supervised client hours and be attending a relevant training course in counselling for children and young people. - Have membership with the BACP, NCS or UKCP or equivalent	- BACP, NCS, UKCP (or similar) Accredited or eligible to apply - EMDR practitioner or willingness to train
Experience	2 years post-qualifying experience of face-to-face client work - Working with children and young people, including in a school setting - Working with statutory bodies to safeguard children	- Working in a voluntary sector organisation - Providing counselling or therapy within an organisational setting - Providing counselling or therapy on a short-term basis

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities	• To have knowledge and understanding of the Ethical Framework for the Counselling Professions or the code of practice of a relevant professional organisation • Knowledge of legislation for Looked After Children and of the Children's Act • To be able to manage own workload • To be able to communicate effectively verbally and in writing • Ability to work as part of a team and on own initiative • To be proficient in standard IT applications • Ability to work collaboratively & effectively in different settings	• Working within an outcomes based monitoring environment and evaluating own practice
Personal Attributes	• To be committed to ongoing professional and personal development, including undergoing external supervision • To have a good understanding/commitment to Equal Opportunities issues	• To be able to travel independently without reliance on public transport. Suitable alternatives may be agreed prior to appointment.