

## **Person Specification: Assistant Clinical Psychologist (Full Time; Band 4-5)**

An Assistant Clinical Psychologist is required to work for Cuckfield Care Consultancy LTD, an independent provider supporting children and young people with complex needs, in West Sussex. The post is full-time and for a minimum of two years. The post will support the application of individuals wishing to go on to train as a clinical psychologist.

### **Main duties and responsibilities:**

- To carry out duties commensurate with an Assistant Clinical Psychologist (according to BPS guidelines) in order to support the delivery of the Clinical Psychology Service
- To work as part of a team within a residential, therapeutic care home supporting up to 6 children and young people (aged 8 to 18 years). This includes supporting the physical, social and psychological care and well-being of the children and young people as required. This may include work at weekends and/or evenings
- To support the assessment / therapeutic interventions with children and young people in residential care
- To provide outreach support to young people making a transition to independent living
- To conduct clinically relevant research evaluating service provision and/or outcomes

### **Qualifications:**

Essential: BSc (Hons) Psychology (eligible for BPS membership)

Desirable: Post-Graduate qualification in psychology / related discipline  
Relevant training courses e.g. child protection, child development

### **Knowledge:**

Essential: An understanding of issues relating to the care/well-being of children and young people.

An understanding of issues relating to child and adolescent mental health

Desirable: An understanding of therapeutic interventions with children and young people

### **Experience:**

Essential: Previous paid and/or voluntary experience of working with people experiencing psychological difficulties / emotional distress

Desirable: Previous experience of working with children and young people experiencing psychological difficulties / emotional distress

### **Skills:**

Essential: A capacity to work with children and young people with complex, often challenging, needs

An ability to work in often stressful environments in a contained, reflective way

Desirable: A commitment to long-term support of children and young people