**BELVUE SCHOOL**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**POST TITLE**: Clinical Psychologist

**SCALE:** Grade 8

**REPORT TO**: SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

**MAIN PUPOSE OF JOB:**

We are looking for a compassionate Clinical Psychologist to assist us in making assessments and identifying a wide variety of disorders in our young people with learning disability, and formulating suitable treatments. The Clinical Psychologist will employ a range of methods to assess young peoples’ issues. The Clinical Psychologist will be instrumental in performing interventions. You will utilize various treatment strategies, such as behavior modification and stress reduction therapy. You will continuously measure the success of treatment programs, and make changes where necessary.

To be successful in this role, you should be able to develop an effective, tailor-made treatment plan for each young person, and consistently conduct follow-ups. Top candidates will be unprejudiced, a team player and have keen observational and analytical skills***.***

**Clinical Psychologist Responsibilities:**

* Making assessments and interpretations based on biopsychosocial evaluations, psychometric tests, semi-structured interviews, therapy sessions, and neuropsychological assessments.
* Collaborating with other healthcare providers to evaluate the medical and physical condition of young people.
* Formulating and creating personalized interventions, treatments, and management plans for young people.
* Carefully observe children and young people and respond to what they might be communicating through their behaviour and play
* Tailor your approach to the individual child and work in an age-appropriate way
* Provide short-term and long-term interventions with young people and/or parents, from a few sessions to regular appointments.
* Provide consultation to parents, encouraging a psychological approach in their work
* Devise, monitor and adapt appropriate treatment programs, including therapy, counselling or advice, in collaboration with colleagues
* Assessing young peoples' risk, considering their mental health and social needs when performing interventions.
* Interacting with young people and their family regarding performing interventions.
* Employing various treatment methods such as psychotherapy, behavior modification and stress reduction therapy.
* Measuring the effectiveness of interventions and implementing changes where required.
* Ensuring the maintenance and safe storage of accurate program and client records, and all other pertinent documents.
* Maintaining confidentiality of young peoples’ treatment and records in accordance with data protection ensuring GDPR compliance.
* keep up to date with developments in theory and research and undertake continuing professional development, participating in clinical and safeguarding seminars and training
* offer training, consultation and supervision to other professionals who work with children and families in the school, including other therapists, family workers and teachers

**Clinical Psychologist Requirements and skills:**

* Doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology.
* Registered with HCPC.
* Experienced with specialist psychological assessment and treatment of a wide range of mental health problems of varying severity and complexity.
* Proficient with psychological therapies, risk assessment, training, and supervision.
* Proficient with planning and performing psychological interventions.
* Experience of working with young people particularly those with additional needs and a strong understanding of the role of a clinical psychologist within a SEN school setting
* the ability to collaborate with colleagues from other disciplines
* excellent communication and interpersonal skills in order to deal with people in distress
* the capacity to be critical and analytical and to work in a self-motivated, independent way
* the ability to recognise your own limitations and respond to difficult situations
* empathy and a person-centered approach to clients
* Current awareness of developments in relevant fields.
* Ability to maintain and complete clinical documentation consistently.

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