

Person Specification: Independent Specialist Advocate

Qualifications		s/i		
	Educated to a high standard and/or at least two years' relevant	S		
	working experience. English at GCSE Grade C or equivalent.			
	Mathematics of at least GCSE Grade C or equivalent	S		
Experience / knowledge				
	Demonstrate an understanding of the needs of people with	s/i		
	Dementia, Learning Disabilities, mental ill health and / or acquired			
	brain injury			
	Demonstrate understanding of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and	s/i		
	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards			
	Demonstrate understanding of the Mental Health Act 2007	s/i		
	Demonstrate understanding of the Care Act 2014	s/i		
	Knowledge of local health, social care and independent sector services	s/i		
	Awareness of cultural, social and health issues in the local community and/ or experience of work in diverse communities	s/i		
	Understanding of and commitment to the principles and practice of advocacy	s/i		
	Understanding of the ethos and nature of the voluntary sector and	s/i		
	working within a small organisation	- /:		
	Experience of advocacy work	s/i		
	Experience of providing one to one support to a wide range of	s/i		
	people and in a range of settings including hospitals, care homes and the community			
Skills and abilitie				
Oniiis uriu ubiiiiit	Able to engage with, communicate effectively and maintain	s/i		
	professional relationships with a range of individuals/organisation	3/1		
	Able to form positive working relationships with a diverse client	s/i		
	population and with a wide range of communication and other	3/1		
	needs on a short term, issues focused basis			
	Excellent communication skills both written and oral	s/i		
	Experience of employing a variety of communication aids to	s/i		
	establish the wishes and needs of people with whom if may be difficult to communicate	3,1		
	Able to work independently using own initiative, effectively respond to instructions and operate with minimum supervision	s/i		
	Good interpersonal and negotiation skills	s/i		
		s/i		
	Able to prioritise & manage a diverse and demanding workload and work to tight deadlines			
	Able to organise and manage own diary to deliver an efficient service across a wide geographical area and in a variety of	s/i		
	locations			
	Ability to deal with sensitive information and maintain strict confidentiality both in and out of the workplace	s/i		
	Ability to produce records, case notes, information and reports to a high professional standard and to tight deadlines	s/i		

	IT literate, confident and able to use email, outlook, internet, databases & Microsoft Office programmes such as Word, Publisher,	S
	Powerpoint & Excel	
	Ability to work in line with quality standards and systems	s/i
	Ability to develop, deliver or facilitate presentations, training and consultation events	s/i
Other Job requirements		
	Understanding and strong support for the principles of empowerment and involvement	s/i
	Understanding, awareness of and commitment to the principles of Equal Opportunities and the promotion of equality and diversity within the service and as a member of staff	s/i
	Willingness to participate in training & development opportunities	s/i
	Flexible in approach and willing to work unsocial hours when required	s/i
	Motivated, enthusiastic and committed	i
	Hold a full driving licence and have access to own transport to deliver the requirements of the job description	S

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S	Assessed at shortlisting
I	Assessed at interview (may involve being tested at interview)