



Job Description

Sessional Face to Face Children and Young Peoples Counsellors or Arts Therapists in Nuneaton and Rugby

Remuneration: £40 per attended client session, not attended session or late notice cancellation (up to 24 hours before the start of the session) for up to 2 sessions within a 12 session block. Management Supervision, access to free CPD events throughout the year. Travel expenses at 40p per mile. This post is on a self-employed basis and subject to continuation of funding and demand for the service.

Reporting to: Your designated Counselling Assessment and Services Manager

Times of Attendance: You will have a caseload of between 5 – 10, sessions per week subject to demand, up to 5 sessions per day. Work will be within office hours, is flexible and can be mutually agreed.

Location: At counselling rooms in Nuneaton or Rugby by mutual agreement. Client appointments will be grouped together to avoid excess travel, for example you may work in Nuneaton or Rugby. Some telephone counselling may also be required.

About Safeline:

Safeline is a Warwickshire based, leading specialist sexual abuse and rape charity established in 1994. Experienced and specialist staff provide a range of services to adults, young people and children of all genders including counselling, art therapy, early intervention work, Independent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVAs), helpline and online services.

Job purpose:

You will provide professional face to face counselling in 12 week blocks and up to 24 weeks (and sometimes telephone and online counselling) to children and young people who have been affected by historic or recent sexual abuse, rape and sexual violence. You will be fully supported by your designated manager, the Clinical Team and the Designated Safeguarding Lead team.

Key Responsibilities:

- Maintain a pre-agreed caseload of contracted counselling clients providing short or long-term counselling tailored to the client's needs.
- Work collaboratively and with integrity and respect for clients and colleagues and maintain confidentiality.
- Maintain case files on our CRM system in a timely, orderly manner. Complete counselling notes after every session.

- Assess risk and need and strictly adhere to Safeguarding Adults at Risk and Child Protection protocols, referring to Safeline's Designated Safeguarding Leads where risk identified.
- Attend regular Line Management and Clinical Supervision, mandatory training and professional development events.
- Complete any relevant available training around protocols and procedures such as security and health and safety and ensure Safeline's policies and procedures are adhered to.
- Ensure invoices are submitted to Safeline on a monthly basis within specified timelines.

Person Specification and Criteria:

Essential:

- Counselling or Psychotherapy qualification at minimum diploma (level 4) or above or a Masters Degree in an Arts Therapy.
- Two year's post qualification experience
- Experience of counselling children and young people
- Experience of and a commitment to working with complicated mental health issues including self-harm and suicidal ideation.
- Understanding of Safeguarding and Child Protection and a commitment to completing Safeline's mandatory bi-annual training.
- Membership of BACP/BAAT/BADTH or equivalent and hold own professional indemnity insurance. Arts Therapists will also be HCPC registered.
- Commitment to attending Safeline's AIM Qualifications and Assessment Group accredited training in November '*Working with Survivors of Sexual Abuse*' level 2/3.
- Work to optimum ethical and professional standards that align with BACP best practice guidelines. Maintain Safeline's client-led values and the standards and reputation of the charity.
- Subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

Desirable:

- Experience of working with survivors of sexual abuse, rape and sexual violence is an advantage but training through Safeline is provided.
- Training in and experience of online counselling and a private space for home-based telephone working where required.

Essential Personal Qualities and Skills:

- An empathic, non-judgmental and compassionate way of being with a genuine desire to support and empower survivors of sexual abuse.
- Self-awareness, emotional resilience and personal and professional boundaries.
- An openness to new learning and commitment to ongoing CPD.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively as part of a team
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

Safeline is committed to the Safeguarding of Young People and vulnerable adults and adopts strict measures to ensure the safety of its clients. Safeline expects all appointees to work within its safeguarding policies and procedures and complete an enhanced DBS check

