

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Support Worker
Service / Department:	North Somerset Services
Reports To:	Line Manager
Responsible For:	n/a
DBS Check:	Enhanced with Adult and Child

Job Purpose:

At Salvation Army Homes, we are dedicated to providing comprehensive, good quality housing services, support and resettlement.

The Project Worker will engage creatively with people who are or who have recently experienced homelessness to identify and enable the growth of their strengths and talents as you work with them to develop the skills and resources to transform their lives and enable independent living.

North Somerset Services provides support and accommodation for young people who are at risk of homelessness. We have three sites across the county supporting 16+ young single people, young mums and babies, and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children.

Graham House is our 24/7 Ofsted-registered service, providing 10 rooms for young people. Margaret House provides eight self-contained flats, and in Clevedon we have two houses for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children.

We are a small, experienced team, passionate about making a difference to young people's lives and supporting them on their journey to independence.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide individual service users with the best possible comprehensive supported housing service whilst operating a psychologically informed environment.
- Act as keyworker to a caseload of residents, enabling them to take ownership of their journey with Salvation Army Homes.
- Carry out a strengths-based assessment with applicants, facilitating the co-production of a person-centred plan, that enables individuals to achieve their goals and aspirations and the opportunity to identify and develop their talents.
- Deliver or facilitate group or one-one sessions with residents that provide opportunities for them to develop their skills and strengths
- Encourage and enable residents to engage in a variety of activities that provide a platform for their skills and strengths to be developed and recognised.
- Actively engage residents in developing and understanding the service and their responsibilities under their licence agreement.
- Support and facilitate our residents to take part in the development and running of the service.
- Deal with non-compliance issues in a proactive way, using restorative practices
- Proactively ensure residents are empowered to keep up with their rent payments, monitor rental income and keep rent arrears to a minimum in order to stay within the target percentage.

- Be responsive to instances of disrepair within accommodation
- Help ensure the speedy re-let of void properties within the target turnaround period
- Develop and maintain good professional working relationships with internal colleagues and external service providers creating close and productive partnerships in order to aid the provision of good quality support services and create a professional image of Salvation Army Homes.
- Work within Salvation Army Homes' safeguarding policy and procedures, ensuring a person-centred and contextual approach to safeguarding and that appropriate action is taken in order to safeguard the wellbeing of children, young people and adults at risk, protecting them from harm whilst respecting their rights, wishes and feelings
- Be consciously aware of and use Salvation Army Homes safeguarding and health and safety rules, dealing with and / or reporting issues in accordance with local requirements
- Maintain Salvation Army Homes' system requirements for creating and storing client records, reports and measuring outcomes
- Participate in our shift rolling rota system over 7 days

Related Activities:

- Participate in essential training, role related training and to work in accordance with relevant Salvation Army Homes' regulations including, for example the Code of Conduct, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Information Security.
- Fulfil the role by being adaptable and flexible to the overall activity that is necessary to be successful and effective.
- Fully align with Salvation Army Homes' values and behaviours and to adopt an 'advantaged thinking' perspective through language, conduct and behaviour.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications and Memberships:

Though not essential, the following membership / qualifications or equivalent level experience would be beneficial in this role:

- GCSE Level

Aptitudes and Abilities:

- Proactive and self-motivated with a can-do attitude
- Demonstrable empathy with the client group
- confident and capable communicator with the ability to inspire, engage and challenge
- Great verbal, written and influencing skills
- Good computer skills, ability to use a variety of software, e.g. Microsoft packages and capacity to successfully navigate support packages used by Salvation Army Homes
- Able to participate in the shift 4 week rolling rota system over 7 days

Experience and Interests:

- Experience of or knowledge related to working with homeless people
- Proven capacity to deal successfully with difficult and complex situations
- Understanding of wider support and funding facilities available for vulnerable clients
- Experience of supporting vulnerable people or groups

Values and Behaviours:

To be successful in this job you need to be fully aligned with our values and behaviours, along with working as part of #OneTeam, helping Salvation Army Homes achieve our mission. Our values and behaviours mean a lot to us. They help define how we should all work, what we're here for and this helps us to stand out from other providers and employers.

S	Servant Leadership — we help people thrive	Have we given our audience everything they need to succeed in their next step?
P	Passion — we love our work	Have we spoken boldly and with confidence? Have we spoken out rather than stayed silent?
I	Inclusion — this is a team effort	Have we kept our communication simple and to the point? Have we used clear, accessible English?
R	Respect — we show respect for all	Have we given our audience credit for their intelligence? Have we advocated for our residents?
E	Empowerment — we have trust	Have we given the right context to our message? Has our communication been story-driven?