



## **ASSISTANT PSYCHOLOGIST / ASSISTANT BEHAVIOUR THERAPIST( x 3 POSITIONS)**

**SALARY: Starting at £22,000**

**LEAVE ENTITLEMENT: 25 days + bank holidays**

### **AVAILABLE POSITIONS**

- 1. 1 X FT/PERMANENT**
- 2. 1 X FT/TEMPORARY (MATERNITY LEAVE COVER)**
- 3. 1 X FT/TEMPORARY (INITIALLY A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS WITH POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION)**

*Note: These are for full time positions, however we can consider part time hours. This is at the discretion of the Director and in line with service need.*

### **ABOUT US**

SENSations Learning Support is a community interest company providing a range of therapeutic and assessment services for children, young people, families, and adults in the Belfast area and across Northern Ireland.

### **ABOUT YOU & JOB SUMMARY**

We are looking to recruit highly motivated 3 x Assistant Psychologist / Behaviour Therapists to our team. We want to add someone to the team who has a passion for improving the lives of children, young people and families and who can work well as part of a team, take direction and show initiative.

You will provide support to the clinical team and be supported by them (including Senior Specialist Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychologists, Main grade Educational Psychologists, Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapists and Associate Psychologists

/ Lead Behaviour Therapist) with a primary focus on intervention and therapeutic support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental differences such as Autism and ADHD, learning difficulties and social, behavioural, emotional and well-being needs. All duties will be undertaken under the supervision of the clinical team HCPC Registered Practitioner Psychologists or the HCPC Registered Speech and Language Therapists.

## **MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. To deliver structured support and intervention to children and young people with a range of needs including ASD, ADHD and social, behavioural emotional and well-being needs, both at the individual and group level.
2. To assist in the preparation of materials and resources to facilitate intervention programmes under the supervision of a HCPC registered member of the clinical team.
3. To assist in the formulation and delivery of therapeutic support and intervention plans under the supervision of a HCPC registered member of the clinical team.
4. To prepare written reports and summaries of intervention under the supervision of a HCPC registered member of the clinical team.
5. To assist with scoring of standardised assessment measures under the supervision of a HCPC registered member of the clinical team.
6. Meet with and advise parents and other professionals under the guidance of a member of the clinical team.
7. Liaise with or work directly with all other professional as needed in relation to specific cases as required.
8. Assist the clinical team in their clinical work and other duties as required.
9. Attend and contribute to multidisciplinary meetings with the clinical team as required.
10. To maintain written records, including observations, clinical notes, tests and other relevant data.
11. To organise and manage own workload under the supervision of the Senior Specialist Psychologists.
12. To support the team in ensuring that clinic space is well maintained.
13. To carry out, as and when required, any additional tasks and responsibilities as are reasonably compatible with this job description and objectives.

## PERSON PROFILE

**JOB ROLE:** ASSISTANT PSYCHOLOGIST / ASSISTANT BEHAVIOUR THERAPIST (x 3 POSITIONS)

**SALARY:** STARTING AT £22,000 (pro-rata is part time).

**LEAVE:** 25 days (+ Bank Holidays) (pro-rata if part time)

**PENSION:** Option to join pension scheme.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA		
	Criteria	Assessment Method
<b>Qualifications</b>	An Honours Degree in Psychology which confers eligibility for Graduate Registration of the British Psychological Society, with at least a 2:1.	Only those applicants who state clearly on their application form that they have the required level of qualification/experience will be considered for interview.  Shortlisting by Application Form
<b>Experience</b>	At least 12 months relevant experience in a paid or voluntary capacity in a relevant employment e.g. health, education, social care, youth work – with a specific focus on working with children and young people.	Shortlisting by Application Form
<b>Skills and Abilities</b>	Effective communication skills	Interview
<b>Knowledge</b>	Knowledge of child development and developmental psychology. Knowledge of theories underpinning applied psychological practice.	Interview

	Knowledge of evidence-based therapies to support children, young people and their families.	
<b>HIGHLY DESIRABLE CRITERIA</b>		
<b>Qualifications</b>	Relevant Masters degree in applied psychology, mental health etc.	Application form  Further explored at interview
<b>Experience</b>	Experience working with children and young people with a range of neurodevelopmental differences such as ADHD, ASD and learning difficulties, in a therapeutic capacity.	Application form  Further explored at interview
<b>DESIRABLE CRITERIA</b>		
<b>Other</b>	Current, full driving license valid in the UK. Access to own car on appointment.	Application form

## OUR TEAM

Dr Clare Caughey (Director / Principal Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychologist)
Mrs Sue Mc Bride (Centre Co-ordinator and Parent Liaison Support)
Dr Damian Rooney (Senior Specialist Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychologist, for ASD Service)
Dr Victoria Bratten (Senior Specialist Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychologist, for ADHD Service)
Dr Caoimhe McHugh-Murton Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychologist
Mrs Laura Parker Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Mrs Katie Pears Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Ms Jodie Nield Associate Psychologist & Acting Lead Behaviour Therapist
Ms Sharon Lyttle Lead Behaviour Therapist (on career break)
Mrs Rebecca Rush Assistant Psychologist (Maternity Leave)
To be filled Assistant Psychologist
To be filled Assistant Psychologist
Mrs Kat Polio Administrative Support
Mrs Jennifer Moulds Administrative Support