



## **STUDENT SOCIAL WORKER**

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

#### **JOB SUMMARY**

This is a full-time position based in Guernsey in partnership with The Robert Gordon University (RGU), Aberdeen. In order to be considered for this post you are required to be resident in Guernsey and hold an appropriate permit to enable you to commit to a full-time academic programme and 3 years of post-qualification working. You are also required to meet a minimum academic entry criterion as set by the RGU.

As a student you will be studying for a degree and a professional qualification in social work. The course is coordinated by the Guernsey Institute. This is a fixed term post and once qualified you will be required to work as a Social Worker in the area in which you have trained (either Adult Community Services or Children and Family Community Services). You will be required to work in this role for a minimum period of 3 years immediately following your qualification in line with the indemnity form signed at the commencement of your training.

During the pre-registration social work programme, you will undertake work in the area you are training in.

#### **RELATIONSHIPS**

Students link with a member of the academic team at the Guernsey Institute who has co-ordinator responsibility to liaise with the University and will arrange all required practice learning opportunities.

Students are employed as student social workers and are based in a team. Line management responsibility will be structured according to the social work team in which they are working. The student will also be allocated to a Practice Educator for their placements.

#### **MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To achieve a professional social work qualification at degree level.
- The student post is intended for students only. The post will be surrendered on completion or termination of the period of training. This usually takes between two and three years, depending on the student's existing qualifications.
- In addition to the salary, programme fees and travel costs are met by HSC and the Guernsey Institute.

- The student will undertake the selected distance learning degree course, also leading to professional registration with Social Work England.
- The programme will include work-related placements within a social service setting, which will be selected through discussion with university tutors and the Guernsey Institute.
- Attendance at two short learning blocks at the university per academic year may be required.
- In line with the selected university recommendations, students will be allocated set study time for the duration of the academic year. Additional periods of study will be necessary and will be undertaken in the students own time.

## **KEY CRITERIA**

### **ESSENTIAL**

1. Minimum academic entry criterion as defined by the Robert Gordon University.
2. Fluent in English – an IELTS Level 7 (listening, reading, speaking, and writing) is required if English is not the first language.
3. The ability to commit to three years post-qualification period of employment with the service area in which you have trained.
4. Evidence of recent study (within the last 5 years).
5. Demonstrate experience of working in a related field.
6. A valid clean driving licence.
7. Self-motivation, with a commitment to professional development and the ability to work on own initiative and study in own time.
8. The ability to manage stressful situations, work under pressure and demonstrate resilience.
9. Good interpersonal skills, demonstrating self-awareness and the ability to reflect on own performance.
10. A commitment to social work values and evidence of an understanding of social work roles.