

Job Title: Leaving Care Team Leader

JE Ref: CYP910

Department	Children, Young People, Education & Skills
Section	Children's Social Care – Leaving Care Team
Reports to	Head of Service – Safeguarding and Care
Grade: 11	Grade 11

Job Purpose

Lead, inspire and motivate a team of Personal Advisors to ensure that all Care Leavers, through the Care Leaver's Offer, are able to receive the support and services they need to thrive. The offer, legislation, associated policies and procedures administered are delivered in a restorative, relationship based, compliant and effective manner as well as being responsible for driving continuous improvement strategies throughout the team.

Job Specific Outcomes

- Provide effective direction, leadership and development for all employees of the section to ensure that services are delivered effectively and that agreed standards and targets are met.
- Implements performance measurement systems and reviews performance data and management information and where under performance exists (at team and/or individual level) implements solutions to achieve performance standard/targets.
- Ensure that comprehensive and robust standard operating procedures and processes are in place to enable services to be delivered in a consistent, compliant and cost-effective manner whilst managing and minimising financial and non-financial risks to the department and Government of Jersey.
- Act as a point of escalation for the most complex customer cases/claims and, by doing so, ensure claims are dealt with in line with GOJ policies, procedures and legislation, without detriment to the care leaver.
- Put Children First in all that you do; promoting and advocating on behalf of care leavers to government and the corporate parenting board.
- Represent the team and care leavers to the care leavers outcome board as well as championing the care leaver network of across government delivery partners, acting as a role model for corporate parenting.
- Identify opportunities to improve the efficiency of the service and the experience, making recommendations to senior management about how these can be delivered and achieved and be accountable for the successful implementation and ongoing review, ensuring compliance with the One Gov vision and the corporate parenting strategy.
- Manage and participate in departmental and corporate projects to develop services for the benefit of the people of Jersey, meeting time, cost and quality constraints.
- Responsible for Health, Safety, Wellbeing and Business Continuity within the team to fulfil corporate requirements and ensure legislation is fully complied with.
- Ensure safeguarding processes are promoted and embedded in the work of the team, to protect vulnerable adults and children.

- Ensures sound financial control is embedded in the work of the team, ensuring that spend is consistent with allocated budget, and opportunities for cost and efficiency improvements are pursued.
- Develop positive links with stakeholders, including external agencies such as third sector organisations, voluntary groups, partner agencies and other Government of Jersey departments to drive forward the department's mantra of being proactive in developing services to meet future customer needs.

Statutory Responsibilities

Active engagement, participation and compliance with any other statutory responsibilities applicable to the role, as amended from time to time.

Organisational Structure



Person Specification

Specific to the Role

Describe the knowledge, skills, experience, and qualifications required to perform the job to a satisfactory standard.

It is important to convey what the job requires, rather than what an individual might have, as these may be different. For example, you may have a postgraduate level qualification, however, an A' Level standard qualification is the requirement for the job.

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<p>Qualifications <i>Please state the level of education and professional qualifications and / or specific occupational training required.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A formal management qualification is required at degree level (Level 5) or equivalent level of experience. 	<p>A social care qualification of degree level or equivalent.</p>
<p>Knowledge <i>This relates to the level and breadth of practical knowledge required to do the job (e.g. the understanding of a defined system, practice, method or procedure).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge and understanding of the public sector in Jersey including current initiatives and the role of the department within the wider Government of Jersey and political sphere. Specialist knowledge across the range of work procedures and practices underpinned by theoretical knowledge or relevant practical experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of care leavers and the ambition of care leaver & children in care legislation Broad knowledge of the legislation, policies and procedures and services of the Government of Jersey. Understanding of the benefits and services provided by the Government of Jersey.
<p>Technical / Work-based Skills <i>This relates to the skills specific to the job, e.g. language fluency, vehicle license etc.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to understand and interpret legislation, policies and procedures and apply them consistently and fairly for the benefit of all. Able to manage budgets, interpret financial reports and present information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of the Government of Jersey legislation, policies and procedures in the specialist area in which the job operates.

<p>General Skills/Attributes <i>This relates to more general characteristics required to do the job effectively, e.g. effective written communication skills, ability to delegate, motivation or commitment etc.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to manage relationships with senior stakeholders and a broad range of interested external parties, building trust and rapport • Able to question and understand the real, underlying needs of the customer, beyond those initially expressed. • Establishes systems to collect customer feedback. • Able to deal with difficult problems taking responsibility for reaching solutions. • Able to review current performance and identify ways of making improvements that enhance overall service to customers • Able to support recommendations and ideas using evidence. • Able to assess a situation and choose the most appropriate form of communication for the intended audience. • Able to give timely and specific feedback on individual and group/team performance and identify areas and ways in which performance can be improved 	
<p>Experience <i>This is the proven record of experience and achievement in a field, profession or specialism. This could include a minimum period of experience in a defined area of work if required by an external body (for example a period of post-qualification experience).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of managing in a care centred environment. • Evidence of continuing professional development. • Demonstrable experience of leading/managing teams with responsibility for process improvement and performance management. • Experience of developing business improvements strategies and implementation • Experience of delivering value for money services including cost savings utilising a commercial approach 	

Personal Attributes

Appointees to this role will be required to adhere to and perform their duties in line with the standards identified in the Government of Jersey tier 4 core accountabilities attributes and behaviour indicators.

Organisation Chart

