

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Trainee Advisory Teacher of d/Deaf Children and Young People

Status of the Post: Temporary (2 years) – will become permanent once qualified

Salary: TLR 2a rising to TLR 2b upon qualification

Responsible to: Rosie Kelly – Head of Hearing Support Service

Responsible for: Not applicable

Purpose of the Post:

To undertake specialist training to achieve the Mandatory Qualification for Advisory Teachers of d/Deaf Children and Young People.

Overview of the Post:

An exciting opportunity to train as an Advisory Teacher of Children and Young People with hearing loss from September 2024 has arisen within the Hearing Support Service.

The successful applicant will undertake a fully funded two year post-graduate diploma course with the University of Manchester to achieve the Mandatory Qualification for Advisory Teachers of d/Deaf Children and Young People. Some module content is delivered as an online distance learning programme, but the course does involve regular trips to Manchester and the North West to attend residential study weekends and regional tutorial sessions. More information about the course is available on the University of Manchester website:

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses/list/11972/msc-pgdip-deaf-education/#course-profile>

The successful applicant will work under appropriate supervision as a trainee Advisory Teacher of d/Deaf Children and Young People, as they undertake the Mandatory Qualification. The successful applicant must currently hold QTS and have a minimum of three years' teaching experience.

As the tuition fees will be paid by the DESC, the trainee is expected to meet the performance standards required of the programme throughout. Once qualified as an Advisory Teacher of d/Deaf Children and Young People, the trainee will be appointed to a permanent teacher post attracting an appropriate TLR, and will be expected to work as a qualified Advisory Teacher of d/Deaf Children and Young People with DESC for a minimum of 2 years. Fees will be subject to the following repayments if the successful applicant leaves the Department of Education, Sport and Culture's employment once qualified:

- i) before completing the first year of employment – 100% repayment
- ii) before completing the second year – 50% repayment

The trainee must be available to begin the Mandatory Qualification from September 2024 if a place is available on the course. Otherwise, they must secure a place on the course from September 2025.

Main Duties and Accountabilities

- To pursue professional training activities as required by the provider delivering the Mandatory Qualification for Advisory Teachers of d/Deaf Children and Young People
- To work with children and young people with hearing loss, as a trainee advisory teacher, under supervision
- To provide schools and families with specialist advice, training and guidance, as appropriate, under supervision
- To attend and contribute to team, professional and Service meetings
- To assess the language, learning, audiological and communication needs of d/Deaf Children and Young People: to monitor and assess the progress and to use information gained to inform planning, advice and practice
- To undertake such other duties as may reasonably be expected

Safeguarding

Safeguarding The Department of Education, Sport and Culture is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All staff are required to undertake training with regard to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people and the Department commits to providing this training e.g. via induction, on-line, briefings at staff meetings inset days etc., as appropriate.

All staff have a responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom they are responsible, or with whom they come into contact and to adhere to, and ensure compliance with, the Safeguarding Children Board Child Protection procedures and the school/service's Child Protection Policy at all times. If, in the course of carrying out the duties of the post, the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children School/Service, they must report any concerns to the designated Safeguarding lead in their area or to the department's Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer.

The contents of this job description may be reviewed and updated as necessary to ensure that it remains accurate and complete. All changes will be made in discussion and with the agreement of the Head of Service or designated Officer.

Applications

Completed applications should be submitted via Jobtrain (www.gov.im/jobs), by Monday 27 May 2024.

Interviews are expected to be held Thursday 30 May 2024.

Further information

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Rosie Kelly, Head of Hearing Support Service (Email: rosie.kelly@sch.im), for further information.
