

The Hamlet Charity Adult Service – Supporting Young Adults with disabilities and complex health needs.

# Job Description and Person Specification: Team Leader

# Purpose of the job:

To support the Adult Services Managers, in the day-to-day running of the service. To provide a safe and supported environment. To organise the daily activity sheets in accordance to staff allocated. To oversee the daily tasks are completed as outlined in the job description.

#### Management:

The Team Leader is line managed in the first instance by the Adult Services Manager and secondly by the Operations Manager.

#### Role:

The Team Leader will work with the management team to ensure that the service is run effectively to give the best outcome for individuals. In instances of staffing shortages, staff / sessions need to be allocated to provide a safe environment for all individuals. Priority needs to be given to medication, personal care and support and lunchtimes. All Hamlet Users must have a sense of belonging, of being welcome and grow in confidence and self-esteem. The Team Leader will support independence, choice, integration and inclusion in the community as stated in The Hamlet Charity Charter.

# The building and environment:

- Ensure that the site is kept safe and secure by carrying out visual risk assessment before and during activities.
- Maintain equipment at all times and report any damaged or faulty equipment.
- Ensure all equipment is used in accordance with user instructions.

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- Ensure that he/she is familiar is Health and Safety policies and procedures, including fire safety and have practice in this.
- Lead the team to maintain a clean, tidy and secure environment, treating buildings and equipment with respect and care.

### Adult Services Team

- With the Adult Services Manager ensure that activities are staffed appropriately taking the needs of the individuals into consideration.
- To allocate volunteers and placements to session and task
- Communicate with the team to ensure all associated tasks are completed in a timely manner.
- Carry out regular hands-on training with new staff and existing staff when there are new students
- Maintain good working relationships with staff, volunteers and placements.
- Demonstrate leadership through being a positive role model.
- Contribute to staff meetings as required. Take notes as required.
- Attend training and learn new skills with which to develop an understanding of good practice. As required by the Hamlet Centre Trust

#### Activities

- Share the planning of stimulating and creative activities that represent good practice and have been planned through consultation with Hamlet Users and staff.
- Organise daily diary.
- Be prepared to cover sessions in the unplanned absence of the Activities Coordinator or staff released for meeting, supervisions or appraisals.
- Oversee that medication is given in line with current procedures.

- Support staff with personal care as required.
- Support staff with lunchtimes as required.
- Cooperate closely and support all colleagues sharing and passing on skills to the team.
- Ensure that any information that is passed to yourself or the Adult Services Manager / by staff is recorded and /or communicated to the team as appropriate.
- Support the Adult Services Managers to review and update all support plans.
- Communicate closely with parents and staff to ensure that any changes in the Hamlet Users condition is noted and recorded.
- Sign in / out equipment to support the activity. Make sure it is in good working order. Report any faults.

### **Hamlet Users**

- Be aware and understand the Adult's Safeguarding Policy and ensure that any concerns about a Hamlet Users safety or welfare are dealt with according to the policy and procedure of The Hamlet Centre Trust.
- Ensure that you are aware of any changes in the needs of the individual Hamlet User and that all paperwork is updated accordingly.
- Treat Hamlet Users with respect and dignity. Treat as adults and support to make informed choices and be involved in the life of Adult Services.

#### **Record Keeping**

- Support the Adult Services Managers in completing all paperwork as required within the service.
- Ensure all records are written up as required by The Hamlet Charity by the end of the day.
- Share with the Adult Services Managers any changes required to paperwork to improve the recording and quality of the service.

# Conduct

- At all times you are a representative of The Hamlet Centre Trust and must consider appropriate dress and conduct.
- Undertake other duties are required by the Adults Service.

# **Person Specification**

- 1. Excellent team player with leadership ability. (Essential)
- 2. Experience of working with individuals with disabilities and complex health needs (Essential)
- 3. Excellent organiser. (Essential)
- 4. An understanding of the importance for all Hamlet Users to be treated as adults. To be given choice and involvement, to have fun, socialise and how staff can support this. (Essential)
- 5. Prepared to use the skills you have and demonstrate an enthusiasm and energy and get involved. (Essential)
- 6. An understanding of the experience of disabled people and their families can face on a daily basis and an appreciation of the barriers to inclusion that disabled people and their families experience. (Essential)
- 7. Excellent problem-solving skills (Essential)
- 8. Excellent communication with the ability to communicate with a wide range of people and abilities (Essential)
- 9. Sound understanding of safeguarding young adults and children (Essential)
- 10. To be a keyholder and unlock / lock as required (Essential)
- 11. Willingness to cover Out of Hours Team Leader as required (Essential)
- 12. Willingness to undertake training as required for the role (Essential)
- 13. Ability to work in a physically demanding role that involves lifting and operating lifting equipment.
- 14. Satisfactory Enhanced DBS check. (Essential)