

JOB DESCRIPTION

- POST TITLE:** Specialist Senior Educational Psychologist
- GRADE:** Soulbury Educational Psychologist Scale B, Points 2- 5, and 3 SPAs where eligible
- RESPONSIBLE TO:** Manager, Educational Psychology Service
- JOB PURPOSE** To take a lead strategic role in the delivery of Educational Psychology Services to a designated area of need within the population of children and young people within Newcastle. To work with children and young people (aged 0 to 19), their families and other professionals, to apply educational psychology to contribute to improved outcomes.
- MAIN DUTIES:** The following list describes the range of duties which the postholder will be expected to perform. In addition to those activities referenced below, the post of Specialist Senior Educational Psychologist will include the range of generic duties normally undertaken by educational psychologists. The list is not necessarily exhaustive and other duties of a similar type and level may be required to be undertaken, as identified by the Manager of the Educational Psychology Service.
- In the first instance, the postholder will be expected to take a lead role in the delivery of services relating to international new arrivals in the city, both asylum seeker and refugee children and economic migrants. This may change in the future according to funding arrangements and the needs of the Education and Skills Division.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. **Casework**
To undertake casework, either generic or that related to the area of specialism, as determined by the Manager, Educational Psychology Service. Casework will include both statutory and non statutory work.
2. **Representing the service and promoting applied educational psychology in the specialist area**
 - To attend strategic and operational meetings relevant to the area of specialism.
 - To work closely with, and advise, other individual professionals, key services or groups of practitioners associated with the area of specialism, in order to support or coordinate multidisciplinary responses to local and national developments.

- To promote the development of good practice in schools and communities in relation to the specific area of need.
- To provide verbal and written reports to senior managers and strategic / operational groups on work undertaken within the specialist area.

3. Supporting Strategic Planning

To provide leadership in the development of strategies and initiatives related to the area of specialism.

4. Supporting Service Management

- To coordinate and lead the work of the other Educational Psychologists who have designated time to work within the specialist area.
- To inform and advise managers both within the EPS and within the wider Education and Skills Division and People Directorate of national and local trends, developments, funding streams and issues related to the specialist area.
- To contribute to service planning and development related to specialist area.
- To undertake management / supervision responsibility within designated projects relevant to the area of specialism.

5. Supporting Colleagues

- To raise awareness of national and local developments and issues within the area of specialism.
- To offer peer supervision to colleagues in their own work, including that with children and young people, related to the area of specialism.
- To take the lead in maintaining Educational Psychology Service resources relevant to the area of specialism.

6. Training in Specialist Area

To provide training relating to the area of specialism for other professionals and organisations and for parents/carers.

7. Research and Development

- To engage in research and development work within the area of specialism.
- To take the lead in embedding innovative, evidence-based work practice relating to the area of specialism, within the service.

8. Maintaining Specialist Knowledge Base

- To assume a lead in developing expertise and knowledge in the designated area of specialism.
- To attend local, regional and national meetings, interest groups and conferences in the area of specialism.