

Senior Solicitor (Team Manager) - Children's and Adult Social Care

We are looking for an experienced and highly motivated solicitor or barrister to manage our Children's and Adult Social Care Legal Team.

The Team

The Team currently consists of 15 solicitors, barristers and paralegals dealing with a high volume of children's and adults social care matters.

The majority of the Team deal with childcare matters, with the main element of work being care and placement proceedings but the Team also advises on fostering, adoption and other general children's social care matters

The adult social care section of the Team deal with a wide range of work including Court of Protection applications, advice on Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, mental health, safeguarding, community care, immigration & asylum; displacement of nearest relative applications and defending judicial review challenges.

The Role

As Team Manager, you must have extensive recent experience of either childcare and/or adult social care work. If you only have experience in one of these areas, you must have a sound understanding of the other area.

Ideally, you will have recent experience of managing or supervising staff. You will lead, manage and encourage the Team to provide an efficient and cost-effective service. You will be keen to explore opportunities for service improvement.

You must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to develop strong working relationships with a range of internal and external partners, including members, senior client officers, the Safeguarding Boards and the courts.