

Live. Love. Thrive. Belong.

Job Title	Senior Support Worker
Responsible to	Registered Manager/Manager & Deputy Manager
Responsible for	Support Team

# Our Values



Respect is our starting point



We spark imagination



We learn together to be our best



We believe in each other

### Role Purpose

As a SeeAbility Senior Support Worker you will be a visible role model and practice leader, actively supervising and mentoring the team. You will work alongside managers to develop an effective, competent, and confident team to deliver a high standard of person-centred support.

### **Leadership & Culture**

- Be a visible and present SeeAbility leader through role modelling our values and behaviours that support to create an open culture where:
  - o There is fairness, we can all be ourselves and feel we belong.
  - Everyone is able to contribute and feels listened to.
  - o People make their own decisions and are accountable.
  - o Everyone feels appreciated, safe and able to do their best.
- Maintain a people focused environment which supports people to live, love, thrive and belong through access to the rights and opportunities available to everyone.

- Act as an ambassador for SeeAbility and actively develop positive relationships with people we support, the team, families, healthcare professionals and contractors.
- Share key information with the team, developing and undertaking ideas and initiatives to help us succeed.
- Support continuous improvements and organisational change within your home through positive communication and leading by example.
- Adopt a proactive approach to problem solving and follow up identified issues to positive conclusion.
- Promote open and honest communication addressing concerns and identifying risks in a timely manner, escalating, and following up on agreed action.
- Invest time in developing your knowledge, skills, and professional network to support you, your team, and the organisation to thrive.

## **People Management**

- Understand the delivery hours contracted by funding authorities and staffing requirements. Ensure efficient rota management that both maximises the quality of support and is delivered in the most costeffective manner.
- Support a flexible work environment that meets the needs of the people we support and colleagues.
- Proactively respond to unforeseen changes in staffing availability and adopt a problem-solving approach to maintain the required level of support.
- Support the recruitment and selection of the right people who are aligned to our values, culture, and the needs of the people we support.
- Understand and communicate expectations relating to people policies and processes and accurately record information on Cascade relating to absences and performance consistently and in a timely manner.
- Take an active role in supporting the team learn and grow. Co-ordinate and support with training requirements, provide guidance and coaching to your colleagues so they are competent, confident and engaged in their role.
- Actively complete assessments and on-going observations to ensure team competency and delivery of a high standard of support.
- Proactively lead the team through positively engaging with colleagues, co-ordinating inductions, clarifying expectations and reviewing progress.
- Promote open and honest conversations about the well-being of your team. Get involved in local and organisational initiatives to support this
- Support the Manager with informal and formal people processes as appropriate.
- Recognise and praise the efforts of individuals and teams by giving positive feedback.

# Quality, Compliance & Safeguarding

- Mentor and empower your team to support people to achieve the quality of life they want by listening to their priorities and taking action.
- Work together with the person and their support network to deliver high-quality, safe support via a skilled and knowledgeable team.
- Follow social care legislation and regulations to keep your team and home compliant. Demonstrate and keep records of quality outcomes for the people you support.
- Make sure you and the team follow all the policies, procedures, and local/national guidelines for running a safe home for the people you support.
- Safeguard people by creating a culture of openness and empowerment. Involve the people you support, the team, and others in making decisions.
- Identify, report, escalate, and respond to, any safeguarding concerns in line with policy and procedures.
- Support SeeAbility's reputation through understanding and being involved in your local community.
- Work with volunteers and befrienders to enable people we support to live their best lives.
- Ensure your team know how to handle personal data responsibly and follow data protection rules.

# **Person Specification**

Qualifications	<ul> <li>Level 3 in Health &amp; Social Care (or equivalent)</li> </ul>
	or willingness to undertake.
Knowledge & Experience	<ul> <li>Knowledge, understanding and application of relevant legislation, statutory guidance and CQC regulations.</li> <li>Experience supporting people with learning disabilities or autism and sight loss.</li> <li>Demonstrable experience of Safeguarding legislation and processes relating to Vulnerable Adults.</li> <li>Experience of mentoring and supervising</li> </ul>
	others
Personal Qualities	<ul> <li>Ability to support, mentor and develop colleagues.</li> <li>Being able to lead by example and motivate self and others, through coaching and mentoring.</li> <li>Ability to work under pressure and cope with the unexpected, to respond calmly to crisis,</li> </ul>

- providing appropriate solutions and seek support when required.
- A good standard of numeracy, literacy and IT skills with the ability to effectively communicate via email, word and excel and produce written reports
- Excellent communication skills. Experience of building positive working relationships with people we support and their families, colleagues and other health and social care professionals.
- Problem resolution and solution focused with ability to prioritise
- A commitment to promoting and protecting equality of opportunity and celebrating diversity
- Willingness to further own professional development through study and training