



Slough Children's Services Trust

Recruitment Pack

Senior Social Worker

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Welcome from Lisa Humphreys, Chief Executive

Thank you for your interest in working with Slough Children's Services Trust (SCST). I know that once you have looked at the information in this recruitment pack, you will want to come and join us to help improve the lives of vulnerable children and young people in the borough.

We are looking for individuals who are determined, enthusiastic and share the same high aspirations we have for our children and young people. We want to ensure that as well as becoming one of the best places in the country for the delivery of services to vulnerable children and families, Slough becomes one of the best places in the country to be a social worker.

If you are up to the challenge and thrive in a vibrant team environment then this is the place for you. But more than that, and what I think should attract you to this role, is the career defining opportunity to get in on the ground floor and be part of our journey.

Please come and join us.

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Chief Executive
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Job description

Job Title:	Senior Social Worker
Location:	St Martins Place, Slough
Responsible To:	Social Work Team Manager
Salary:	£43,739 - £48,588 (including local weighting and market supplement)

If you're looking for a challenging yet rewarding role, one where you'll be supported every step of the way, Slough Children's Services Trust could be the place for you.

Since the Trust was set up three years ago, we have redesigned the service by moving away from conventional social work teams and are taking a more systemic approach involving smaller 'Hubs', each led by a Social Work Team Manager and made up of professionals from different disciplines. This new way of working is called Safe, Secure and Successful. It's effective and it's working.

Our recent Ofsted inspection was a positive demonstration of the progress we have made over the last three years and the improved service we offer children, young people and families in Slough. We don't want to stop there, however, we know there are further improvements to be made which is why we're looking to recruit the best people to help us achieve them.

Are you passionate about making a positive and lasting difference to children and young people? If you like to think outside the box and work in an agile way, then these are the qualities that make Slough Children's Services Trust an employer of choice.

If you're looking for a new challenge and want to be part of an exciting time for children's services in Slough then come and join us.

Slough is one of the most diverse places in the country outside of London and a great place to live or work. In fact it's the best place to live or work according to a survey by Glassdoor. Pleasant environments, above average salaries and a lower cost of living, mean an increased quality of life for employees. We're also one of the most accessible places to be, nestled on the corner of the M25, M4 and M40, and less than 20 minutes by train to Central London.

Annual Leave Entitlement (1 Apr to 31 Mar)		
Years' Service	Entitlement	Total inc public holidays
<2	25	33
2-5	29	37
>5	32	40

Pension
The Trust uphold the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Mileage
The Trust reimburses all business mileage. We currently pay 45p per mile for the first 10,000 miles.

Childcare
If you require childcare, Slough's Children's Centres provide a range of childcare services. The Trust also provide Computershare childcare vouchers and staff may use them at the centres.

To apply for this role, visit: www.scstrust.co.uk/application



Main Accountabilities

- Responsible for undertaking social work on allocated cases producing outcome based plans, having regard to the needs of, and risks to, children and their families.
- To develop effective relationships with CYP and their families to improve impact of work and determine the level of service available ensuring written plans are agreed with the CYP and their families and reflect their views.
- To determine, using evidence based practice how these needs will be met subject to resources, statutory responsibilities, within the framework of council policies and procedures.
- To be responsible for effective Individual performance in line with national standards and performance indicators, including receiving regular supervision.
- Responsible for participating in routine auditing activity across the service to secure the highest possible standards of social work practice and record keeping and to act in accordance with requirements of the Quality Assurance Framework.
- To ensure that the needs of service users/carers from all communities are addressed, and that close attention is paid to equalities issues in all aspects of work. To ensure access to translation and interpretation services as necessary.
- To complete financial assessments and, where appropriate, to determine contributions and levels of need/service.
- With the agreement of the Social Work Team Manager/Practice Manager, to identify resources required and available to promote child/family well being.
- To develop and maintain effective working relationships at appropriate levels with other relevant partner agencies e.g. voluntary, community, schools, police, health other statutory agencies/local resource networks and internal partners.
- To maintain, monitor and review accurate records of all work undertaken ensuring recording information is accurate and up to date, including comprehensive use of the Integrated Children's System.
- To work effectively move casework to other areas of service as appropriate with a clear transfer plan.
- To contribute to the development of services to children and families and to attend and contribute positively to team meetings to promote the delivery of integrated and effective services.
- To identify own individual learning needs and ensure that practice reflects contemporary thinking. To ensure regular reflection of skills and abilities and use supervision and approval to identify future and plan to meet future needs.
- To provide cover for the work of other team members and undertake projects and other additional duties commensurate with the level of the job. (The nature of these will vary according to experience, competencies and the grade of the post).



Safeguarding

Slough Children's Services Trust works within the statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, and all our policies and procedures can be viewed at:

<https://www.proceduresonline.com/berks/slough/index.html>

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

The GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 place greater significance on organisations being transparent and accountable in relation to their use of data. All organisations handling personal data need to have comprehensive and proportionate arrangements for collecting, storing, and sharing information.

The GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 do not prevent, or limit, the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping children and young people safe.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Sandra Davies, Head of Quality Assurance and Safeguarding.



Person specification

No.	Competency	ASYE	Social Worker	Senior Social Worker	Social Work Team Manager
1.1	Professional Social Work Degree or equivalent	Essential	Essential	Essential	Essential
1.2	HCPC Registered	Essential	Essential	Essential	Essential
1.3	DBS Check	Enhanced	Enhanced	Enhanced	Enhanced
1.4	Indicative post graduate experience	0 years	12 months (ASYE)	2 years +	4 years +
1.5	Professional Standards	Essential	Essential	Essential	Essential
1.6	Knowledge and Skills for Child and Family Social Workers – issued by DfE	Essential	Essential	Essential	Essential
1.7	Ability to write reports to a high standard	Essential	Essential	Essential	Essential
1.8	Understanding of children and families legal framework and assessment process	Desirable	Essential	Essential	Essential
1.9	Understanding and experience of child protection procedures	Desirable	Essential	Essential	Essential
1.10	Current UK driving licence	Desirable	Desirable	Desirable	Desirable
1.11	Access to own vehicle (insured for work purposes)	Desirable	Desirable	Desirable	Desirable
1.12	Management experience	Not required	Not required	Not required	Essential
1.13	Postgraduate qualification in relevant Social work discipline	Not required	Desirable	Desirable	Desirable