

Information for applicants

About Skills for People

Skills for People is a charity. We provide services across North East England, and work to promote good practice nationally. We...

- Support disabled people and their families through information, guidance, advocacy, self help and self advocacy
- Support disabled people and their families to shape services which affect them through consultation, active user engagement, and partnership working
- Support organisations with workforce development, user involvement and user led Quality Checks
- Support disabled people to influence local and national policy which affects the lives of disabled people and their families
- Ensure that Skills for People is led by disabled people, especially people with learning disabilities, and their experiences are at the heart of all we do

About the Key Worker project

The Key Worker project is one of several pilot projects around the country. This means we are testing a new way of working with children, young people and their families, with the aim of improving their lives and mental health, and reducing the need for inpatient admission.

Skills for People is working in partnership with the **Children and Young People's Provider Collaborative for the North East and North Cumbria**, which is led by **Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust**. There will be a number of part time and full time Key Workers (at least 6) with a Team Leader employed at Skills for People.

About the Key Worker posts and Key Worker Team Leaders post

Key Workers will support families of children/young people who have a learning disability, autism or both, and who are at risk of admission to inpatient care due to their complex needs. The Key Worker will work to enable young people and their family/carers to get the right support at the right time and ensure local systems (health, social care, education etc) work together to meet their needs. Each Key Worker will support a small caseload of families, working intensively with and alongside the children/young people and their family carers, to ensure they have the support they need and that they are able to represent their views, understand and implement the methods which are proposed for supporting the child/young person. The Key Worker will get to know the family well, engage with them and their network of support, help them to prepare for and attend meetings.

The **Key Worker Team Leader** will manage the team, and have a strategic role, working in partnership with representatives from a range of organisations, to influence change within the system, along with the regional Project Lead, and two Strategic Keyworker posts who will work to unblock care pathways and support local commissioners and professionals involved to find alternatives, promote personalisation and provide oversight of system and case management.

These posts will last until 31 March 2023 initially, although we do anticipate that the project is likely to be extended.

Location

Key workers will work from home, and work across one or more of the following areas: Newcastle upon Tyne, Gateshead, South Tyneside, North Tyneside, Sunderland and Northumberland.

They will be required to attend our office in Newcastle upon Tyne and elsewhere, for meetings etc.

Travel

Key Workers are expected to have access to a vehicle for work purposes and be able to travel across the areas described.

For more information or an application pack, please email:

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www.skillsforpeople.org.uk/jobs