

About the Keyworker project

The Keyworker project is one of several pilot and pathfinder projects around the country. These projects 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 Keyworkers (at least 6) with a Team Leader employed at Skills for People.

About the Keyworker posts

Keyworkers will support families of children/young people who have a learning disability and autistic children/young people who are at risk of admission to inpatient care due to their complex mental health needs.

The Keyworker 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 Keyworker will support a small caseload of families, working intensively with and alongside the families and children/young people, 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 Keyworker will get to know the family well, engage with them and their network of support, help them to prepare for and attend meetings.

Keyworkers will be home based, and required to travel across the North East, and to attend at the Skills for People office in Newcastle upon Tyne from time to time. They will be part of a team, which will meet regularly on line and in person.

The 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 visit the jobs page of our website:

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