



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Project Worker 3 – Senior Social Work Practitioner
Barnardo's Northern Ireland

Grade / Salary:	C – Children's Services
Salary:	£34,696- £42,541 FTE
Contract:	29.6 hours per week Permanent (subject to funding)
Location	Barnardo's Newry Family Resource Centre, Lisdrum House, Chequer Hill, Newry BT35 6DY

You will have received a Project Worker 3 job description and person specification. This is a generic role in use throughout the organisation which Barnardo's uses when advertising for such roles. When completing your application form, please refer to the skills, knowledge and experience required as detailed in the Person Specification and any further information included in this Additional Information Sheet. This should be done with an understanding of the context of the service described.

Please note, in order to be shortlisted for interview you MUST clearly indicate on your application that you fully meet each of the criteria marked in this document as Essential at application.

Objectives of Service

- Improved parenting
- Reduction in the level of risk / harm
- Improved mental health and well being
- Promoting a stable and secure family environment
- Promoting positive / improved family relationships

Our primary aspiration has always been, and remains, to enable children deemed to be at risk of harm to remain within their family of origin where this is possible. Where this is not possible, we work collaboratively with parents and a range of agencies involved with the family to identify other suitable placements for children in order to ensure that their developmental needs are met.

Specific Responsibilities

The service offers a range of work and appointed colleagues are responsible for providing:

- Comprehensive assessments of parenting capacity in families where Children are subject to LAC procedures or Child Protection registration.
- Protective parenting assessments
- Therapeutic, educational, preventative and support services to families where children are deemed to be at risk or in need
- Individual work with parents and other care givers

Supplementary Information

Further to the generic job description, **the successful candidate must meet the following essential criteria:**

- Hold a professional qualification in Social Work recognised by NISCC & Registered with the NI Social Care Council. (Application Form)
- Have post-AYE and recent experience in a family and childcare setting across Hardiker levels 3 & 4 (Application form)
- Experience of undertaking complex childcare assessments and/or court directed work and contributing to statutory decision making forums including the provision of written reports (Application form & Interview)
- Experience of working therapeutically with children/families effected by adverse experiences e.g. trauma, social disadvantage, family breakdown, parenting difficulties, mental health, domestic violence and substance misuse (Application form & Interview)
- Experience of applying child protection/safeguarding policies and procedures (Application form & interview)
- Hold a full UK driving licence, business insurance and access to a car for work purposes (this criteria will be waived for candidates with a disability who can demonstrate alternative means of meeting the mobility requirements of the post). (Application form & interview)

Successful applicants will be required to undertake an Enhanced Access NI with Child and Adult Barred List check.

A waiting list will be compiled for similar vacancies that may become available across Barnardo's NI over the next 12 months. There may also be opportunities for additional hours for fixed term periods.