

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET**  
**Additional Information for Applicants – Early Years Practitioner**

<b>Additional Information for Senior Childcare Worker/ Early Years Play Organiser post Post and Grade:</b>	Early Years Practitioner E (EY1) Children's Services
<b>No. of posts:</b>	2
<b>Service/Location:</b>	G-old Community Partnership SureStart
<b>Contract:</b>	20 Hours per week Monday – Friday
<b>Salary range:</b>	£26,142.40 - £28,660.16 FTE

Thank you for your interest in the position of Early Years Practitioner with Barnardo's.

You will have received a generic Job Description and Person Specification, which are used across the organisation for this role type. When completing your application, please refer to the skills, knowledge, and experience outlined in the Person Specification, as well as the contextual information provided in this Additional Information Sheet.

This will help you tailor your application to reflect your suitability for this specific role within our service.

**About the Service: Barnardo's – G-old Community Partnership Sure Start**

**Location of Post:** Lurach Centre Maghera

**Service Background:** G-old Community Partnership Sure Start is funded by the Department of Education and has been supporting families with children aged 0–4 in designated ward areas across Mid Ulster for over 24 years.

**Service Objectives:** The project delivers a range of early intervention support services through a dedicated, multi-disciplinary team. Our focus is to:

- Support parents and carers in their parenting journey
- Promote positive early learning and development through play
- Enhance outcomes for children and families in local communities

### **Role Overview: Early Years Practitioner**

As an Early Years Practitioner, you will contribute to the delivery of high-quality services for young children and their families. You will work closely with colleagues and families to provide enriching, play-based learning experiences. You will support children and families through the following key programmes:

#### **Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year-Olds**

- Children attend three 2.5-hour sessions per week from September to June
- You will be involved in planning and delivering daily sessions, supporting children's development, and working as part of a team
- The role includes completing observations and records, attending training, and participating in home visits as part of the support offer

#### **Outreach Play Programmes**

- For children aged 0–4 years
- You will support the day-to-day delivery of outreach play sessions, promoting early learning and positive engagement with families in community-based settings

### **Person Specification**

#### **Essential Criteria**

##### **Applicants must have:**

- QCF Level 2 in Playwork or equivalent or willing to work towards
- Relevant experience working or volunteering with children aged 0–4 years

#### **Desirable Criteria**

- Experience in communicating effectively with parents/carers regarding their children's needs

#### **Additional Requirements**

- A full driving licence and access to a car are essential, due to the wide geographical area covered across Mid Ulster (Applicants with a disability that prevents them from driving may demonstrate an alternative means of meeting mobility requirements)
- Business insurance will be required if appointed



## **Pre-Employment Checks**

All appointments are subject to the following checks:

- Access NI Enhanced Check (including the Child Barred List)
- Fitness to Work Assessment by the NHSCT Early Years Social Work Registration Team

We are looking for committed, compassionate, and enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about early years development and making a real difference in children's lives. In return, Barnardo's offers extensive training and professional development opportunities, supporting your continued growth and progression within the organisation. You will also benefit from a comprehensive range of staff perks and benefits, including generous annual leave, access to health and wellbeing support, pension contributions, and more.

**If this sounds like the right opportunity for you, we warmly encourage you to apply.**