

Job role information for workers in residential child care

This information will help people working in residential child care services apply for the right Register part. The practices described below will vary depending on your job role, set by your employer. You should use it as a guide to help decide which Register part applies.

Managers in residential child care services

Managers in residential child care services are workers who hold responsibilities for the overall development, management and quality assurance of service provision including the supervision of staff and the management of resources.

If you are a manager you are likely to:

- be registered as manager of your service with the Care Inspectorate
- provide leadership for the service you have responsibility for
- hold overall responsibility for the writing and reviewing of the work setting policies and procedures, for example child protection policy
- be responsible for the practice that safeguards the children using the service
- be responsible for implementing staff development and performance development review systems
- be the first point of contact where complaint handling is concerned
- be responsible for the allocation of work in your service
- hold overall responsibility for budgets and oversee the ordering and purchasing of resources for the service
- have overall responsibility for completing quality assurance processes such as Care Inspectorate annual returns
- manage the multi-agency working arrangements
- have overall responsibility for health and safety within the service.

Supervisors in residential child care services

Supervisors in residential child care services are workers who will have responsibility for supervising staff. They will also be involved in the day to day care needs of the people who use the service. This will include identifying and meeting the care requirements including physical and emotional needs of children. They will have responsibility for developing staff/functions of the service.

If you are a supervisor you are likely to:

- have responsibility for supervising staff
- be responsible for identifying and meeting the care, physical and emotional needs of children through working with colleagues and other professionals
- be responsible for contributing to the assessment of people who use the service
- be responsible for planning and implementing an agreed care plan
- be responsible for contributing to the quality assurance of the service
- provide leadership for staff and people who use the service.

Residential child care workers

Workers in residential child care services are workers who will have work delegated to them but who may be required to work on their own initiative.

If you are a residential child care worker you will:

- promote the safeguarding of people who use the service
- support children who have experienced traumatic events in their life
- implement care plans
- support children in a group living environment
- support children with emotional needs perhaps relating to abuse
- support children to achieve educational outcomes and transitions to work/college
- work as part of a team and communicate effectively
- develop your practice through reflection
- ensures the health and safety of the workplace.

More information

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