

Kent County Council

Job Description: *Business Support Officer*

Directorate:	Adult Social Care and Health
Unit/Section:	Business Support Service
Grade:	KSC
Responsible to:	Business Support Lead / Line Manager / Supervisor

Purpose of the Job:

Provide effective and coordinated business support to a manager, group of managers or a team to assist in the smooth running of the day-to-day functioning of the division, taking a proactive role in relation to supporting service delivery.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Act as main point of contact for the designated teams, assessing telephone enquiries and messages, investigating complex queries and simple complaints, referring to the appropriate member of staff without referral to the line manager where possible, ensuring queries are dealt with professionally and within acceptable timescales.
- Support the day-to-day business support function of the Division, including inductions and supervisory duties of administrative staff. Monitoring of emails/shared inboxes, processing of mail, ensuring that staff and members of the public are dealt with efficiently and consistently.
- Produce a range of documents, draft routine correspondence on behalf of managers and/or other staff, track responses and ensure correspondence is dealt with within acceptable timescales, to provide a reliable and high-quality service.
- Arrange and coordinate appointments and meetings. Distribute relevant documents, take accurate and timely minutes, actions and decisions where required, follow up on actions ensuring that all administrative aspects are in place.
- Support the development, maintenance and monitoring of a range of office and administrative systems, updating and maintaining accurate filing systems, highlighting any potential errors to help meet information needs and ensure data and systems remain accurate and reliable in line with policies and procedures.
- Process, maintain and monitor financial records relating to expenditure and income, including cash handling where required, preparation of invoices for payment, processing charges and monitoring expenditure against budgets. Identifying and investigating anomalies, proposing solutions to ensure that financial information and procedures are accurate, up to date and in accordance with finance regulations and directorate procedures.

- Assist managers and practitioner staff with client issues, including taking and recording referrals, making routine bookings, ordering goods or services, undertaking basic research, compiling client files, and following up on actions.
- Assist with the complaints process appropriate to the role, assist with monitoring and tracking processes to support managers in ensuring statutory and Council's timescales are adhered to. Support with freedom of information and subject access requests and queries relating to General Data Protection Regulation.
- Assist with personnel procedures on behalf of the line manager/team, where required, including recording and monitoring tracking systems to support workforce planning. Assist with induction of new staff, resolving issues and seeking guidance on more complex issues and queries.
- Contribute to a range of continuous improvement initiatives appropriate to the role, including ad-hoc and longer-term pieces of work to support the changing business needs, responding positively to alternative and improved new methods of working.
- Take a proactive approach to supporting and encouraging with environmentally friendly work as part of the Council's Green Agenda.
- Staff can work flexibly across to cover other Teams, Services, Divisions and wider ASCH service to meet changing need, providing additional resource when required.

Footnote: This job description is provided to assist the job holder to know what their main duties are. It may be amended from time to time without change to the level of responsibility appropriate to the grade of post.

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Person Specification: *Business Support Officer*

The following outlines the criteria for this post. Applicants who have a disability and who meet the criteria will be shortlisted.

Applicants should describe in their application how they meet these criteria.

	CRITERIA
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educated to GCSE level or equivalent, or Level 2 Diploma or equivalent. • Willingness to work towards Level 3 in Administration or equivalent if required.
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office administration experience. • Experience of drafting correspondence.
SKILLS AND ABILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good literacy and numeracy skills. • Computer literacy - ability to produce a range of documents and reports, including non-standard reports, using Microsoft Office packages and database functions. • Supervisory skills. • Interpersonal, organisational and administrative skills. • Ability to develop and maintain effective computerised and manual filing systems. • Ability to organise and prioritise workload to achieve deadlines. • Ability to investigate complex queries and anomalies when required. • Ability to take accurate notes and minutes of meetings. • Ability to take a proactive approach to tracking action points from meetings and correspondence, in liaison with the managers concerned • Co-ordination skills when arranging meetings and appointments and arranging client care when required. • Ability to monitor and process accurate financial records. • Ability to travel across a wide geographical area in a timely and flexible manner at various times of the day if required, using car, public transport, car-sharing etc. • Commitment to equalities and the promotion of diversity in all aspects of working.
KNOWLEDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the services provided by Social Care, Health and Wellbeing and detailed knowledge of services provided by the Team. • Knowledge of the Council's Record Retention Policy and freedom of information protocols of awareness of the requirement for this policy and protocol. • Knowledge of a range of IT systems. • Knowledge of computerised and manual filing systems. • Awareness of Data Protection and confidentiality issues. • Staff will be expected to have an awareness of and work within national legislation and Corporate and Directorate policies and procedures relating to Health and Safety.
KENT VALUES AND	Kent Values:

**CULTURAL
ATTRIBUTES**

- We are **brave**. We do the right thing, we accept and offer challenge
- We are **curious** to innovate and improve
- We are **compassionate**, understanding and respectful to all
- We are **strong together** by sharing knowledge
- We are all **responsible** for the difference we make

Our values enable us to build a culture that is:

Flexible/agile - willing to take (calculated) risks and want people that are flexible and agile

Curious - constantly learning and evolving

Compassionate and Inclusive - compassionate, understanding and respectful to all

Working Together - building and delivering for the best interests of Kent

Empowering - Our people take accountability for their decisions and actions

Externally Focused - Residents, families and communities at the heart of decision making