



Post: **OWLS Children's Bereavement Service Therapist**

Reporting to: **Bereavement Service Co-ordinator and Lead Therapist**

Hours: **16 hours per week. Permanent**

Salary: **£28,000 to £31,000 per annum pro rata**

Location: **Leeds**

Closing date: **29 February 2020**

Start date: **April/May 2020**

Launched in July 2019, OWLS (Overcoming Worry, Loss and Sadness) Bereavement Service is funded by donations to the Jane Tomlinson Appeal and provides bereavement support for children aged 4-11, and their families, in Leeds.

OWLS has four main interventions:

1. Family support, including delivering psychoeducation, providing resources from the OWLS Lending Library and signposting to other useful resources
2. School support, including children's assemblies and staff bereavement support training
3. Monthly peer support for bereaved children to come together and undertake a range of activities including mindfulness and memorial craft to support them in their grief
4. 1-to-1 therapy delivered by a child psychotherapist for children most severely affected by their bereavement or who are experiencing complicated grief or trauma.

As the service continues to grow and develop, we are looking to recruit a part time **OWLS Children's Bereavement Service Therapist**. This is an exciting time to join OWLS Bereavement Service and make a real difference to the lives of bereaved children and their families.

To be successful in this role you will have experience of working therapeutically with children who may have experienced bereavement and/or trauma. You will have a passion for working with young people and their families, have excellent communication skills and the ability to build rapport and positive working relationships.

The successful applicant will have a reporting base in Leeds and will be required to travel regularly to deliver therapy throughout the region: own transport and a full, clean driver's licence are essential.

The **OWLS Children's Bereavement Service Therapist's** core duties include:

- To deliver therapy and support to bereaved families and children
- To manage a caseload of clients (families and children)

- Maintain knowledge and skills in the field of therapeutic care, in line with professional best practice and research
- To assist the Lead Therapist with the creation and development of informational resources
- To liaise with other services and build relationships with external agencies
- Maintaining accurate databases and files through Microsoft Office and email
- Commitment to confidentiality and acting in accordance with GDPR
- Prompt reporting of safeguarding concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Pro-rata weekend working to attend a proportion of the peer support activity days as agreed by the Service Co-ordinator

Requirements	Essential	Desirable
Education/Training	BA (Hons) and/or Masters qualification in a therapeutic area of study	Additional /specialist training or experience in providing bereavement or trauma therapy
	BACP accredited (or working towards this)/ UKCP accredited /Similar recognised professional qualification and accreditation by a recognised therapeutic organisation	Creative arts therapy background
	Additional /specialist training or experience in providing therapy to children aged 4-11	
Knowledge/Experience	Experience of providing therapy to children and families	Experience of working with issues of bereavement, both face to face and on the telephone
	Understanding of theories of child development	Experience of working with trauma/traumatic grief
	Awareness of ethnic and cultural issues	Experience in delivering community events Experience in the creation of project resources and materials
Skills/Abilities	Ability to work alone and within a team	
	Excellent communication skills	
	Computer skills	
Personal Qualities	Empathetic	
	Positive attitude	
	Passionate about supporting children and families	
	Ability to work under pressure and in difficult circumstances	
Other	Driving licence and access to vehicle to travel across the	

	region to deliver therapy and support	
	Flexible to work occasional evenings and pro-rata weekends at peer support activity days or other events	

In exchange, you will receive regular Supervision from the Lead Therapist and access to professional training and development to meet your needs. This is an exciting opportunity where your existing skills, knowledge and experience can be developed further through our ongoing investment in your professional development.

Jane Tomlinson Appeal and OWLS Bereavement Service are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. All successful applicants are required to complete an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check as well as mandatory pre-employment checks which may also include checking social media profiles. We positively welcome applications from all sections of the community.

To apply for this position, please complete the application form and return to Bereavement Service Co-ordinator Nicole Greenwood via nicole@janetomlinsonappeal.com CVs are not accepted. Applications received after the closing date (**29 February 2020**) will not normally be considered.