



Senior Skills Mentor (Support Worker)

Specialist Autism Services are looking for committed and enthusiastic Senior Skills Mentors to work at our Shipley, and soon to open, Leeds branches of Autism First.

Autism First is a unique service specifically for adults with autism who have additional needs. We provide person-centred support through an autism-specific learning plan that addresses social, physical, sensory and behavioural needs, thereby promoting personal development. We use a range of autism-specific approaches tailored to meet an individual's needs and abilities. When used, these approaches can alleviate frustration and reduce anxieties, facilitating learning.

As a Senior Skills Mentor your role would be to ensure our members on a daily basis can access our Autism specific learning programme and to support, empower and encourage members to progress with their identified goals and develop skills that lead to increased independence. You will provide flexible and responsive support and encouragement to the staff to enable them to conduct themselves in a professional manner. It will be your role to support the Service Manager and Service Coordinators in the delivery of the service and to ensure two way open communication at all times.

Essential Skills and Experience:

- Experience of working or supporting the needs of learners with communication and interaction difficulties.
- Experience of working or supporting the needs of learners with Learning Disabilities.
- Experience of sourcing, developing and managing a varied range of resources to support learners' needs
- Experience of working or contributing to the assessment and evaluation of learners in order to aid progression
- Experience of leading or managing a team
- Experience of working within a PBS model/with individuals who may display behaviour that can challenge.
- Experience of transitioning individuals into service

To Make an Application:

- CVs will not be accepted
- Please email your completed application form in word format (as an attachment) to neil.barker@specialistautismservices.org
- Applications sent in any other format or via any other route/email address will not be accepted • We will contact candidates for interview by email
- Please note it is not possible for us to give feedback to non- shortlisted applicants

Specialist Autism Services is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Vulnerable Adults and all successful applicants will be asked to apply (through Specialist Autism Services) for an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and a right to work in the UK check. Specialist Autism Services is a disability confident and an Equal Opportunities employer. Please note, we do not work with recruitment agencies.

Working for and with adults with Autism across Yorkshire



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