

ROLE PROFILE

Job family	Community Engagement	Role profile number	CEO8-1316	Grade H
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Job purpose: Assist customers / visitors to utilise a facility or service, providing advice and information.

Grade H posts will be required to undertake research and analyse information to provide recommendations to both internal and external stakeholders. Grade H posts are higher in 'Contacts & Relationships' and 'Creativity & Innovation' with increased impact from decisions made compared with grade G posts. This level of post is common across the organisation as an entry level post within the field where postholders will be working towards a relevant professional qualification.

Factor	Relevant Job Information
Supervision and/or Management of People	No full management of a team but will be required to monitor the quality and quantity of the work of others. Will provide advice, guidance and support to colleagues / volunteers to ensure whole team achievements are met. May be required to project manage a team or specialist staff across service areas and external partners.
Indicative qualifications	HNC or equivalent experience/skills. ITQ 2 or equivalent skill and ability. Working towards relevant professional qualification.
Knowledge and Skills	High level of relevant and practical experience acquired on the job. An advanced understanding of relevant procedures and working practices. Advanced knowledge of specialist function relevant to service area. Excellent ICT skills including use of Microsoft applications and specialist systems Good communication and interpersonal skills. Good customer service skills with experience of resolving customer enquires in the relation to the service area. Experience of working with the public in a customer facing / contract role. Relevant practical experience working as part of team to meet service standards, targets and deadlines Good planning and organisational skills, with proven ability to use initiative, prioritise workloads and achieve deadlines Good Literacy and numeracy skills Proven experience in the competent and safe use of complex equipment relevant to the role.
Creativity and Innovation	Work on own initiative to manage own activities and contribute to longer term activities / plans. Creativity and problem solving is a feature of the job, exercised within general guidelines of the service area. Provide an effective and professional service to customers / visitors to enable them to access and utilise services, resources, facilities and / or information safely and securely. Provide advice to customers / visitors concerning the service(s) available. Keep up to date with developments in area of responsibility. Receive, discuss and resolve customer queries and complaints. If necessary, refer complex or serious issues. Support and develop volunteers as required Contribute to the delivery of projects as part of a project team. Support improvements in own area through recommending improvements in procedures / process Create documents and other materials to support / promote the service area Monitor and report on service standards / budgets as required, within own service area. Assist with the preparation and submission of bids for short and long term funding / income.
Contacts and Relationships	Providing more specialist / professional advice and guidance where the situation and outcome are not straightforward or well established. Involves supporting or guiding colleagues / customers / stakeholders on issues relevant to the service area. Deal with people at all levels confidently, sensitively and diplomatically.

	<p>Be first point of contact on a range of queries from customers, visitors, volunteers. Will be dealing with challenging situations where influence could be required.</p> <p>Regular contacts will include: colleagues, managers, partners, customers, volunteers, members of the public, and stakeholders.</p> <p>Co-operate with and support colleagues, supervisors and where relevant volunteers</p>
Decisions – Discretion & Consequences	<p>Work is carried out as directed and following the framework of accessible guidelines and processes.</p> <p>Decisions are made based on a range of established practices</p> <p>The consequences of the decisions will have a material effect on the service.</p> <p>Undertake inspection and /or maintenance of site / facility /tools / equipment as required</p> <p>Monitor activities; identify and address any problems, incidents, safety or security issues within remit of role, escalating as appropriate</p> <p>Take appropriate action to ensure the security of information / items and / or the facility.</p> <p>Review own work to check for accuracy and completeness</p> <p>Support promotional events and activities as required.</p>
Resources	Little or no responsibility for physical or financial resources
Work Demands	Work subject to interruptions and at times may be competing demands of work priorities
Work Environment	<p>Work may involve some physical effort.</p> <p>Work potentially involving some risks due to nature of activities being provided and / or environment or public / customers.</p> <p>May involve lone working and dealing with anti-social behaviour.</p>
Our Identity	<p>Our Identity sets out who we are and provides a shared understanding of how we are all expected to lead, work and act with each other, our partners and our residents to deliver our services and build stronger communities. They enable us to continually evolve and adapt to meet the changing needs of our residents and ensure that we continue to deliver great services and make a difference to the people of Wiltshire.</p> <p>All of us are expected to demonstrate the elements of Our Identity in how we work to shape and create the organisation we want to be part of. It should influence our decisions, activities, projects and ways of working</p>
Health & Safety	All employees are required to carry out all duties and responsibilities with reasonable care for the health and safety of self and others and report any potential hazards or unsafe practices to their line manager
Equalities	Wiltshire council is committed to ensuring employees do not discriminate against colleagues, suppliers or third parties at work or harass or victimise others. Incidents of discrimination at work are taken seriously and employees are encouraged to report incidents via their manager or anonymously via the whistleblowing policy .
Authority to work in the UK	All employees must have the legal authority to work in the UK. Non-EU nationals must have the relevant approval to work in the UK from the UK Border Agency. Copies of all documents provided as proof of identity are retained for our records, by providing these proofs the council will treat this as consent.

The above profile is intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed by employees in this role and does not detail a list of all duties and responsibilities. The Council reserves the right to amend this role profile as necessary.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role description:	Casework Support Officer	
Role profile family:	Community Engagement	
Role profile number and grade:	CE08-1316	Grade H
Number of posts:	2	
Service/Team:	Refugee Resettlement and Migration Services	
Reports to:	Corporate Support Manager - Migration Services	

Job Family overview

Community Engagement job family overview:

Provision of assistance, instruction and information to groups and individuals using Council services and facilities

- Facilities reception
- Provides information to the public
- Advice and support to use services, resources and community facilities
- Regular interface with public with a 'customer' emphasis
- Promotion and encouragement to independently use facilities/services

Service / function Context

The overall responsibilities of the service/ function are:

- To resettle refugees via Home Office resettlement programmes as part of Wiltshire's participation in supporting humanitarian crisis globally. Resettlement programmes include, but are not exclusive to, the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) and Community Sponsorship.
- Support expansion of county-wide asylum seeker dispersal initiative
- Link to regional and national migration partners
- To work with our communities and provide a link to support in suitability of services, to meet the needs of Wiltshire's diverse population, enhancing inclusion and diversity.

Job Purpose

Specific duties and responsibilities include:

- To support the delivery of resettlement programmes in Wiltshire ensuring outcomes are aligned to the Council's Business Plan.
- To work with the council and other public services to deliver outcomes for resettlement programmes in accordance with Home Office guidelines - including support with signposting families and supporting access to services such as ESOL classes, nursery provision, job centers and other public and charitable services. This will require an in-depth understanding and assessment of what service a family / individual requires
- To be involved in all aspects of the resettlement process including securing properties, referral acceptance and arrival arrangements through to family/ individual independence
- To assess individual / family requirements at times of query or complaint to ensure accurate and reliable information is provided or that the issue is escalated appropriately.
- To work with other Casework Support Officers to ensure adequate support is available to refugees during office hours
- Using, making sense of and developing templates to undertake regular review meetings with refugees to understand needs, identify support requirements and support meeting support requirements where appropriate
- To be responsible for maintaining support plans and case notes for each individual / family, ensuring accurate and relevant information is provided and included.
- To utilise own knowledge and understanding to ensure accurate advice and support is provided to volunteers in respect of cultural issues, council working practices and government guidance and initiatives.
- To provide advice and guidance to refugees to access employment opportunities where appropriate (as directed by DWP and Employment and Skills partners)
- To expand knowledge and understanding of the needs of refugees/ migrant population and support interfaith activity as appropriate, ensuring knowledge and skills are cascaded to team members and volunteers.
- To foster the development of ethnic minority communities in Wiltshire and support their integration into the British way of life
- To provide advice and guidance to refugees and migrant population in understanding and working within the requirements of British culture
- To work with other authorities in relation to transfer/ relocation, where appropriate
- To support colleagues across wider service including, but not limited to, development of volunteer network
- To provide informal interpreting to support access to services (typically through supporting access to official interpreting services)
- Support and deliver internal and external training on BAME population and migration services.
- To work with our communities and provide a link to support in suitability of services, to meet the needs of Wiltshire's diverse population, enhancing inclusion and diversity.

Specific requirements for this post:

- Some out of hours working (specifically during arrivals of new refugee families, emergencies or training)
- Travel to provide casework support across the county
- Use of (council provided) technology to provide virtual casework support

Person Specification

Specific qualifications, knowledge, and skills required for this role:

Essential

- Educated to HNC in English / Humanities or equivalent experience
- A good understanding of a range of public services and the experience of new arrivals in the UK
- A good understanding of health and social care contexts and process for making referrals
- Experience in following policies and procedures
- Experience in contributing to and maintaining records
- Experience of coordinating or working alongside other volunteers
- Experience of liaising with external stakeholders to shape the delivery of their services in accordance with ethnic minority culture requirements
- An understanding of differences in British and other cultures

Desirable

- Experience in project and programme management
- Experience of risk management principles and case conference working

Supporting information

Driving classification	
<p>Occasional driver A valid UK driving licence is not required. Occasionally may need to travel to different locations in order to undertake the duties of the role.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Regular Driver Must hold a valid UK driving licence (with no more than 6 penalty points) and have access to either their own car or a pool car in order to undertake the duties of the role unless other forms of transport are available and viable to perform the role, including public transport. Or a reasonable adjustment has been agreed.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Required Driver Must hold a valid UK driving licence (with no more than 3 penalty points) and will drive a vehicle supplied by the Council in order to undertake the duties of the role.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Employees should refer to the Corporate Driving at Work policy for further information.</p>	

Political restriction	
<p>This role is politically restricted. The job holder is not permitted to undertake political activity involving standing for election as a member of parliament, as a member of the Scottish or Welsh Parliaments. The job holder is furthermore not permitted to canvas on behalf of a political party or a person who is already, or who seeks to be, a candidate. In addition, they may not speak to the public or publish any written or artistic work that could give the impression they are advocating support for a political party</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>This role is not politically restricted</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Professional fees and related occupational costs	
<p>As part of this role, or to support professional development, the job holder is required to be a member of a professional body or association. The job holder is responsible for payment of all professional fees, memberships, registrations or subscriptions and no reimbursement or contribution towards these will be provided by the council</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>This role does not have any professional or occupational membership requirements</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Clearances – Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)	
<p>This role will be engaged in 'regulated activity' providing specific services relating to children or vulnerable adults and is subject to a Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>This role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and will require an Enhanced DBS check before appointment can be confirmed.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>This role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and will require a Standard DBS check</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>The role requires a Basic DBS check to check for convictions and cautions that are considered to be unspent under the terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>This role is not subject to a Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service in order to undertake the duties of the role.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Clearances – Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS)	
This role requires access to the UK government Public Services Network (PSN) and is subject to a BPSS check	<input type="checkbox"/>
This role is not subject to a BPSS check	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clearances – Non-Police Personnel Vetting (NPPV)	
This role requires working in partnership with the police, and/or having access to Police related systems and is subject to a NPPV check at level 2* . (*regular access to police premises and police information, intelligence and financial or operational assets. Occasional access to those deemed 'secret').	<input type="checkbox"/>
This role requires working in partnership with the police, and/or having access to Police related systems and is subject to a NPPV check at level 3* (*regular unsupervised access to police premises and/or access to police information and/or information systems and/or hard copy material either on police premises or by remote access up to "secret" level. A level 3 includes a check on you, your spouse/partner, co-residents, and all family members).	<input type="checkbox"/>
This role is not subject to a NPPV check	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding	
For all roles within Children's Services. Wiltshire Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and all staff are expected to share this commitment. You will be expected to report any concerns relating to the safeguarding of children, young people or vulnerable adults in accordance with agreed procedures. If your own conduct in relation to the safeguarding of children, young people or vulnerable adults gives cause for concern, the council's agreed child protection/vulnerable adults protection procedures will be followed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For all roles within Adult Social Services. Wiltshire Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults and all staff working for the council are expected to share a commitment to this. You will be expected to report any concerns relating to the possible abuse of a vulnerable adult in accordance with the agreed interagency safeguarding adults' procedures. If your own conduct in relation to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults gives cause for concern, the council's agreed interagency safeguarding adults' procedures will be followed, alongside implementation of the council's disciplinary procedure. The job holder is accountable for their safeguarding of vulnerable adult responsibilities to their line manager.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For all other roles within the council. Wiltshire Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and all staff are expected to share this commitment. You will be expected to report any concerns relating to the safeguarding of children, young people or vulnerable adults in accordance with agreed procedures. If your own conduct in relation to the safeguarding of children, young people or vulnerable adults gives cause for concern, the council's agreed child protection/vulnerable adults protection procedures will be followed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>