

JOB DESCRIPTION EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Job Title	Educational Psychologist
Grade	According to ability and experience
Hours per week	40 hours
Department	Child and Adolescent Mental Health
Location	Maudsley Health, Abu Dhabi
Reports to	Clinical Director and Service Director (TBC)
Professionally accountable to	Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Maudsley Health

JOB PURPOSE

- To provide a specialist educational psychology service to the above services including specialist assessment, treatment, planning, implementation and monitoring of outcomes.
- To contribute to enabling other staff, service users and carers from diverse backgrounds to flourish by working to create a psychologically safe environment.
- To work as an autonomous professional within Department of Health Abu Dhabi (DoH) guidelines and codes of conduct, and guided by the policies and procedures of the service, taking responsibility for own work including treatment and discharge decisions with support of clinical supervisor.

THE SOUTH LONDON & MAUDSLEY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust is the most comprehensive NHS provider of mental health services in the United Kingdom. It provides a full range of mental health services to the people of Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark, and Lewisham as well as national specialist services. It has a budget of £365 million.

MAUDSLEY HEALTH

Maudsley Health is a joint venture between the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and MACANI, an Abu Dhabi organisation, with a commitment to developing exceptionally high-quality health care within the United Emirates.

The CAMHS service in Maudsley Health is a specialist mental health service, principally for children and young people up to the age of 18. As part of the service a range of highly specialist services will be provided and in some cases the post holder will be expected to work alongside visiting clinicians from the wider SLAM CAMHS Clinical Academic Group. Interventions offered will include CBT,

psycho-pharmacology; IPT; systemic family therapy, parent training groups; social skills groups and psycho-educational groups for parents.

The service will work to a high standard and offer specialist assessment and intervention for children with a broad range of mental health disorder and will have specialist expertise in autism spectrum disorder, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental difficulties as well as other mental health disorders. Clear evidence based clinical provision will be in place for the assessment and management of cases.

In addition to the above service, other provision is in the process of being developed.

Maudsley Health, CAMHs, works closely with the National and Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services within SLaM. These N&S Outpatient Services treat children who suffer from autism, hyperkinetic disorders, developmental disorders with associated emotional and behavioural problems, children with antisocial behaviour, oppositional defiant behaviour, children with eating disorders, depressed children, children with obsessive compulsive disorder, traumatic stress in childhood. There is an adolescent at-risk and forensic service, a fostering and adoption team, a forensic psychiatry team and staff who research and treat genetic disorders.

Key Responsibilities:

Clinical and Client Care

- To provide specialist educational psychological assessments, formulations and interventions for clients in the service.
- To provide culturally appropriate psychological interventions with carers or families of referred clients when required.
- To assess and monitor risk and draw up appropriate risk management plans.
- To act as care co-ordinator taking responsibility for initiating planning and reviewing care plans.

Contributing to team or service clinical functioning

- To contribute to the effective working of the service and to a psychologically informed framework for the service.
- To contribute to the team or service's delivery of accessible and acceptable services to diverse local communities.
- To be proactive in challenging discrimination and support the development of culturally competent services.
- To liaise with referrers, teachers, and other professionals concerned with clients in order to develop and review care plans.

Policy and service development

- To contribute to service development through undertaking and participating in appropriate projects, as requested by line manager.

Teaching and Training

- To provide occasional specialist training in psychological approaches to care to other professions as appropriate.

- To disseminate research and service evaluation findings through presentations and published articles.

Record-keeping and Information Governance

- To ensure that all information generated by own work is recorded as required by service policies and local procedures.
- To maintain a good standard of clinical record keeping and report writing, according to professional and DoH guidelines, including electronic data entry.

Maintaining professional standards and continuing professional development

- To receive regular supervision from a more senior psychologist according to service guidelines.
- To ensure own Continuing Professional Development in line with Department of Health.
- To maintain an up-to-date knowledge of current developments in professional and clinical practice and of relevant legislation and policies.
- To comply with the DoH 'Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics' and 'Standards of Proficiency', and ensure professional development in line with these.
- To adhere to the DoH's Professional Practice Guidelines and service policies and procedures.

General

- To travel to schools as appropriate and across the Emirate when required.
- To be aware of risk relating to aggressive and challenging behaviour amongst the client group, and follow service policies relating to its management.
- To respond appropriately and professionally to emotionally distressing situations and to support others involved in such situations.
- To work flexibly which may include offering some regular commitment to late clinics or Saturday working, within the overall Job Plan.

Person Specification: Essential
Eligibility Criteria

Education	Bachelor degree in the field of Psychology AND Postgraduate full time Masters or Doctoral degree in the field of Educational Psychology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcript of both Bachelor degree and postgraduate degree are required.
Experience	Two (2) years of clinical Experience is required post qualification.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience must be in a clinical setting • Experience must be as Educational Psychologist • Experience shall be post qualification and license • Employment should be full time and paid
License	License issued by regulatory body of the country of current practice e.g. HCPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License should be post qualification • License should be valid and active with no restriction to practice