

Sir John Barrow School

Post: Health Assistant

Purpose of Post

In liaison with health professionals to provide support and interventions to meet the significant health and medical needs of a child in school or other educational setting as described within their Education Health and Care Plan, Health Care Plan or other relevant plans.

Key Accountabilities

To retain regular contact with health professionals in order to ensure

- access and maintenance of up to date training from health professionals relevant to the child being supported.
- delivery of agreed and recommended therapies, medications and health interventions suitable to an educational setting (under the direction of the health professionals responsible for the child's care).

To monitor the supported child in line with advice from health professionals and parents.

Liaise with parents on health matters and ensure regular information is shared between school, parents and health professionals.

To ensure the headteacher or their representative is aware of the therapies, medications and interventions being used.

Ensure adequate debriefing from appropriate health professionals after all (any) crisis interventions.

Under the direction of school staff work alongside teachers and teaching assistants in the delivery of learning when not required to be providing direct health support.

Significant medical responsibility including medicine administration and the provision of urgent care in the case of emergencies.

Essential Criteria

- NVQ Level 3, or equivalent experience or knowledge in the relevant work area.
- Commitment to ongoing personal development particularly in relation to the health needs of children.
- Confidence to regularly liaise with health professionals on all aspects of child's care.
- Knowledge of the procedures in the service area and how to apply them.
- Knowledge of Health and Safety and related procedures and policies and how they apply to the work area.

- Practical experience in the workplace with children and young people with health and/or learning needs.
- Knowledge of how best to deal with and refer emergencies in non-standard situations.
- Ability to cope with significantly challenging circumstances.