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| Service and job specific context statement |
| **Directorate:** | Children and Young People's Service |
| **Service:** | Inclusion |
| **Post title:** | Qualified Teacher of the Visually Impaired with habilitation |
| **Grade:** | Teachers |
| **Responsible to:** | Lead QTVI Specialist Teacher - TLR |
| **Staff managed:** | Manages operational frontline staff |
| **Date of issue:** |  |
| **Job family:** | E - Education/School |

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| Job context |
| The Inclusion Service works in partnership with all schools and settings within North Yorkshire to promote the inclusion, participation and achievement of children and young people with SEND. This role involves spoken communications so a confident use of English language is required. |

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| **Structure** |

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| Job purpose | To carry out the professional responsibilities of a qualified teacher for the visually impaired within the Inclusion Service.To support the professional lead in the development and delivery of provision for VI children and young people. Play a major role in:a) supporting and advising schools, settings and parents/ carers in the delivery of high quality intervention and the implementation of structured learning activitiesb) assessing / targeting / planning / monitoring and recording children and young people’s learning needs and progress c) quality assuring the effectiveness of support and interventiond) Adopting a key worker approach for individual children and young people as requirede) Day to day support of specialist practitioners |
| Operational management | * To manage a peripatetic caseload as specified by the line manager and in accordance with service policies.
* To support and advise schools and settings, and parents on a wide range of organisational and curriculum issues relating to intervention for VI children and young people and those with visual or multi-sensory impairments.
* To liaise with other teams to ensure the holistic needs of children and young people are supported.
* Provide appropriate, individually tailored early intervention for CYP on caseload Model and demonstrate approaches and interventions to school staff and parents
* Draw upon a range of research-based methods and approaches which have shown to be effective in developing programmes of educational intervention for VI children and young people.
* Provide data on children and young people’s progress and outcomes to inform LA data collection and analysis, service development and professional performance management.
* Support the professional lead in planning a coordinated response to training for the workforce / advice to parents/ carers and professionals in order to raise awareness of visual impairment.
* Contribute to professional learning and development in relation to visual impairment for colleagues.
* To advise children and young people, parents, and staff on the management and use of specialist equipment as necessary.
* To contribute to IEP’s and specific programmes of work.
* To contribute to reports, reviews and re-assessments as required.
* To work as part of a co-operative team based on a flexible approach to support, embracing the ethos of key working and no hand offs of caseload
* To effectively monitor, manage and advise schools on appropriate resources.
* Work within the boundaries and ethos of school/service policies and procedures
* To carry out the above duties in accordance with current Teachers Pay and Conditions under the reasonable direction of the Line / Service Manager.
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| Communications | * Listen and build empathic and respectful trusting relationships with children, young people, families, schools and other professionals through clear systems, effective rapport and feedback.
* Ensure appropriate confidentiality in all interactions.
* Support, understand and promote the role and value of families and carers as partners in supporting their children to achieve positive outcomes and maintain an open approach to parental involvement.
* Ensure that views of VI children and young people and their parents/carers inform service planning and network development.
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| Partnership / corporate working | * To work collaboratively with other professionals within the multi-disciplinary teams and CYPS and health services to ensure the holistic needs of children and young people are supported.
* Develop and sustain integrated working and effective relationships with health, statutory and voluntary agencies, and professionals within the broader range of services for children and families to support children and young people, specifically the SEND locality hub.
* Share experience and provide professional advice and guidance to other agencies as required, working as closely as possible to ensure holistic support.
* Consult/liaise with other professionals to ensure effective communication/integrated approach to children.
* Work in partnership with parents/carers, other agencies, independent practitioners and voluntary organisations as appropriate.
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| Resource management | * Ensure working time is maximised and used efficiently maximising the use of technology where appropriate.
* Awareness of decision making on financial resources.
* Keep abreast of new resources and approaches to supporting schools and setting and children with VI so they can be used to inform team practice.
* Contribute to the training and induction plan for the VI team, SENCos, schools and settings, governors and other key stakeholders.
* Contribute to the development and delivery of traded work across the teams.
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| Systems and information  | * Provide data on children and young people’s progress and outcomes to inform LA data collection and analysis, service development and professional performance management.
* To keep appropriate and timely records and case notes.
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| Strategic management  | * Contribute to the future priorities for strategic development of VI.
* Work within the boundaries and ethos of school/service policies and procedures.
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| Safeguarding | * Ensure appropriate confidentiality in all interactions.
* Be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people that you are responsible for and come into contact with.
* Involve learners when taking actions that concern them.
* Communicate, record and report actions and outcomes using the most appropriate format e.g. service recording forms
* Use clear, accessible language when communicating.
* Comply with the County Council’s policies and supporting documentation in relation to Data Protection, Information Security and Confidentiality.
* Ensure that information sharing protocols for children and young people, and their families, as set out in the General Framework for Information Sharing in North Yorkshire (2005) are adhered to.
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| Person Specification |
| Essential upon appointment | **Desirable on appointment** |
| Knowledge* Knowledge of Early Years/Pre-School Initiatives
* Knowledge of Statutory Assessment procedures/Code of Practice
* Knowledge of mainstream school curriculum
* Knowledge of impact of VI on children and families.
 | * Knowledge of post 16 provision for students with VI
* Knowledge of visual support systems, magnifiers, etc
* Up to date knowledge of technology, resources and issues relevant to VI
* Up to date inclusive practice in the education of VI children and young people
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| Experience* Can demonstrate significant experience of assessment and monitoring
* Can demonstrate experience of working with families (ideally of VI children and young people)
 | * Experience of line management
* Experience of working with Early Years (0-3)
* Can demonstrate extensive experience of teaching pupils who are VI
* Can demonstrate recent experience as a peripatetic QTVI
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| Occupational Skills* Excellent verbal & written skills
* Excellent interpersonal & communication skills
* Excellent personal and time management skills
* Skilled in delivering in service training
* Excellent ICT skills
* Ability to work collaboratively with others
* Excellent recording and report writing skills
* Excellent assessment skills and target setting
* Ability to devise appropriate teaching materials
 | * Skilled in performance management and appraisal
* Ability to deliver in-service training
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| Professional Qualifications/Training/Registrations required by law, and/or essential for the performance of the role* Qualified School teacher with relevant post graduate experience
 | * Additional post graduate qualifications in related field e.g. MSI, Habilitation
* Qualified QTVI or working towards
* Recognised qualification in habilitation
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| Other Requirements• Positive can do attitude, solution focused approach.• Able to work alone and as part of a team • Able to manage time effectively• Excellent, proven organisational skills• Use of own car to travel across the County• Flexible working procedures to maximise efficiency |  |
| Behaviours  | [Link](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23524/What-you-should-know-before-applying-for-a-job) |

NB – Assessment criteria for recruitment will be notified separately.
Optional - Statement for recruitment purposes: You should use this information to make the best of your application by identifying some specific pieces of work you may have undertaken in any of these areas. You will be tested in some or all of the skill specific areas over the course of the selection process.