Role specification for NWD Hub Community Foster Carer

Key requirements	Key experience	Other essential criteria	Personal characteristics/aptitude
Be available to visit your local hub on a regular basis (residential homes in Harrogate and Scarborough) to facilitate meeting young people who may want to move in to your foster care. (There will also be an opportunity to join a regular relief pool of staff for each hub home)	Experience of/aptitude for working with or looking after children/young people with complex and challenging behaviours. This experience could also be gained through personal experience of dealing with major challenges in your own life.	When a young person is being cared for in your home you need to be available on a full time basis.	Particular interest in working therapeutically with children/young people
Can relate to young people with complex and challenging behaviours.			
Able to offer a structured life experience, including setting of and agreeing boundaries	Understanding of the impact of trauma & neglect on young people and/or can demonstrate empathy/insight.	A car driver, with a vehicle suitable to be used for fostering activities.	Ability to uphold high professional standards

Can offer appropriate support when young person not engaging in/attending education, training and employment	Experience of working as part of a team. Ability to engage with a wide variety of people		Has necessary qualities of for the role, for example, patience, persistence, and resilience.
Successful completion of foster care assessment and approval by NYCC		Free from cautions or convictions against children; those with other convictions may be considered following assessment.	Good family and support networks