**JOB PROFILE**

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| **POST:** | Housing Worker  |
| **SALARY:** | £18,434 |
| **HOURS:** | 17.5 hours per week or 35 per week – shift work on a rota to include evenings to 8pm and weekend working  |
| **LINE MANAGER** | Finance Manager  |
| **RESPONSIBLE FOR:** | No direct reports |
| **DURATION:** | Permanent (subject to funding) |

**JOB PURPOSE:**

The post holder will be responsible for the income collection across the refuge estate and for ensuring financial resilience and economic independence amongst service users

**MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Be the organisation’s lead Welfare Benefits and personal debt adviser, providing support and advise to staff and service users
2. Develop effective key partnerships with relevant local authorities and other agencies to facilitate the best possible service for residents
3. Advocate on behalf of residents and support them to challenge decisions where necessary about their housing status and benefit applications
4. Collect weekly personal charge from refuge residents and deal promptly and appropriately with those who are in arrears
5. Work with residents and staff to complete and submit timely Housing and Welfare Benefit applications ensuring rental income is maximised
6. With the Move On Champion, support tenants to bid for properties, explore their options and make decisions on re-housing. Challenge pre-existing beliefs if necessary
7. Facilitate economic independence being mindful that some residents will never before have managed their own money
8. With the Emerge Workers, manage tenancy compliance by dealing with instances of anti-social behaviour and/or criminal behaviour, managing tenancy conditions and taking effective enforcement action, including eviction, where necessary
9. Update the organisation’s case management system promptly and in a meaningful manner
10. Take an active part in tenant meetings including house meetings and Voices Groups giving group advice and support where appropriate and necessary
11. With input and support from other staff , develop and deliver age appropriate personal finance activities to children and young people in service
12. Provide written, verbal and visual reports where necessary, ensuring they are clear, professional and appropriate to the audience
13. Support the organisation to: continuously meet its contractual requirements; defined service standards are maintained; and compliance with all statutory provision, MWA policies and procedures and quality standards such as WAFE and Leading Lights.
14. Maintain awareness of child protection / safeguarding issues and report any such concerns to a manager as a matter of urgency.

**GENERAL:**

1. To follow confidentiality procedures as required by PTMWA and statutory legislation
2. To identify own training and development needs and participate in all training courses relevant to PTMWA’s commitment to providing high quality services
3. To work at all times with due regard to all the policies and procedures of PTMWA, both operational and non-operational, and participate in their development and amendment where required
4. To support awareness raising and fundraising efforts by contributing to, and participating in, publicity fairs and other events that promote and enable sustainability of PTMWA’s services
5. To be mobile and work across all areas of the city as required

**OTHER:**

* This post has been assessed and confirmed as open to women only under the Equality Act 2010, schedule 9, part 1
* This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check which will be carried out immediately on completion of a job offer being made and again every 3 years. Failure to engage in the completion of the relevant DBS application may result in the job offer being withdrawn.
* This job description attempts to cover the main duties of the post but is not intended to provide an exhaustive list of tasks. The postholder is therefore expected to undertake any other reasonable duties within the scope of the role as specified by their line manager.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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| **CRITERIA** | **ESSENTIAL/****DESIRABLE** | **ASSESSED** |
| **EDUCATION/QUALIFICATION** |
| A good level of education  | **E** | Application Form |
| **EXPERIENCE** |
| Recent and significant experience of working in a housing management environment  | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Experience of working with a vulnerable client group  | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Experience of working in a multi-agency partnership approach | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Experience of organising financial advice and training for a vulnerable client group | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| **KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING** |
| An understanding of psychologically informed environments and how they benefit people experiencing domestic, including financial, abuse | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| An excellent knowledge of housing options, welfare benefits and other appropriate support systems | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| A good level of understanding of the impact of domestic, including financial, abuse on individuals and families | **E** | Application Form/ Interview  |
| A good level of knowledge and understanding of statutory and legal provision for people experiencing domestic abuse | **E** | Application Form/ Interview  |
| Good understanding of confidentiality and appropriate personal/professional boundaries. | **E** | Application Form/ Interview |
| Understanding and awareness of child protection, vulnerable adult’s protection and safeguarding. | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| **SKILLS AND ABILITIES** |
| Good verbal and written communication skills | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Good level of numeracy, literacy, report writing and IT skills | **E** | Application Form/ Interview |
| Ability to confidently and effectively communicate with a range of people including service users and professionals | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Able to provide client focused services  | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Ability to work effectively with partner agencies to obtain appropriate outcomes for clients  | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Ability to maintain up-to-date and accurate case management records | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Ability to work on own initiative and prioritise work in a busy environment | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Able to critically assess own performance and reflect on own practice, making changes where necessary | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| **OTHER** |
| Commitment to equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice | **E** | Application Form/Interview |
| Willingness to undertake training and a commitment to continuous personal development  | **E** | Application Form |
| Willingness to work flexibly and able to travel to different sites and venues | **E** | Application Form |

**Post Holder Signature:
Date:**

**Line Manager Signature:
Date:**