

## Residential Childcare Support Worker (Casual)

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We currently have openings for experienced Residential Childcare Support Workers, and would also love to hear from those who are passionate about making a positive and lasting difference to young people, and who are willing to undertake the relevant training and qualifications needed.

**Starting Salary** £. per hour

**Location:** Horsham, West Sussex

**Contract:** Casual

**Specific Hours** Shift Pattern- ad-hoc cover

Apple Orchard has four homes in Surrey and West Sussex. Each home is set in a rural location and offers a comfortable homely environment for young males aged - years. We are looking for Residential Support Workers to join our team on a casual basis. This amazing opportunity will also allow you flexibility to work hours you can commit to with no contractual obligation.

We aim to help young people to develop insight into their experiences in order that they can move on from their often damaged traumatic past. We support them as they take steps to make sense of their lives by providing clear and safe boundaries and achievable goals. This includes positive reinforcement strategies such as reward charts and free time.

Central to our work is the need to provide a high level of nurturing which ensures all the basic needs of the young person are met to the highest standard. This includes providing a home

that has a warm and friendly atmosphere where great emphasis is placed on building supportive relationships and positive attachments.

**Duties and responsibilities:**

To ensure that a caring and motivating environment is provided for the young people that takes into account individual developmental needs and enables young people to reach their full potential

To plan and prepare activities that meet the young people's needs and stimulates their learning and integration within the home.

Keep well-informed of legislation, guidelines, policies to ensure the Children's Act, Children's homes regulations and the national minimum standards are met at all times. To be aware of all Ofsted guidance and information in regard to the home.

To observe and assess young people's progress and keep accurate records of their achievements, behaviour and important events in their lives. To produce and keep up to date a life book for any young person for whom you have key working responsibilities.

To work with local authorities/ placing authorities to ensure the care the young people receive is outstanding

To establish and maintain positive working relationships with parents/carers in a way that supports young people's learning and development and values parental involvement where appropriate.

To be flexible within working practices of the home , where needed, including undertaking domestic tasks within the home, which will include preparation of meals, cleaning, shopping etc.

Work alongside the Manager and staff team to ensure that the philosophy behind the home is fulfilled.

To keep clear and legible records regarding the young people. To ensure that entries in records are legible, clearly expressed, non-stigmatising and distinguished as far as possible between fact, opinion and third-party information

**Essential skills:**

The ideal candidate would have previous experience of working with teenage boys or challenging behaviour and have a willingness to further develop their skills.

You must hold a driving licence and have access to a vehicle. Due to the rural location of our services public transport would not be a viable option

Hold Residential Childcare/Families Practitioner Diploma/Children and Young People's Workforce/NVQ Level in Health & Social Care or equivalent

You would need to be willing to engage the young people in a wide range of activities and support them through their time at Apple Orchard; guiding them towards Independence and Adulthood.

You will need to be flexible with your working hours and be able to work a mixture of days, evenings and weekends. This role requires shift work although you will have every other weekend off

You must be able to challenge unacceptable behaviour, provide firm boundaries and provide care which meets the needs of the individual

Must be able to work as part of a team

To follow delegated tasks and handovers.

Be able to maintain policies and procedures

Can communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

Have the ability to engage and listen

Apple Orchard is an equal opportunities employer and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates. The company is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be subject to a DBS check at enhanced level if successful for the position

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