

## Supervising Social Worker

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Company: Orange Grove

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### About Us

Orange Grove was founded in by two social workers who understood that strong relationships held the key to successful fostering. As with all families, relationships matter. They provide a stable platform for growth, which is why we commit time, effort, and resources into nurturing them constantly.

We do this for the children in our care by getting to know them and providing a safe and positive family environment. We do it for our foster parents by treating them individually and tailoring our support to their needs. And we take care to build strong and positive relationships with local authorities and our other partners, so we can all work effectively together.

This has been at the heart of our philosophy ever since we were first set up over years ago.

### The Role

Orange Grove Fostercare Southern Counties registration covers the whole of the South, London, and Essex area. We are currently seeking a qualified and experienced **Social Worker** who is enthusiastic, committed, and has an appreciation of the role of the foster parent and their skills. We ask our Social Workers to take a collaborative approach with foster parents in order to promote meaningful and relevant supervision of placements. To have experience of working with foster parents as professional colleagues and working within a multi-discipline arena is essential, as is holding a full driving licence, being a confident driver, willing and able to travel across Berkshire and surrounding areas, with

unrestricted access to your own car.

This is a demanding position that includes both a quality assurance role to maintain high standards and a training role for prospective and current foster parents. You will be an excellent report writer and able to work to strict deadlines.

You will be involved in the recruitment, training, and supervision of Foster Parents and promoting the welfare of children placed with Orange Grove Fostercare.

### **Requirements**

Hold a Social Care England recognised qualification in Social Work or equivalent

Previous experience of family placement work and foster care practice including the assessment of potential foster parents

A comprehensive working knowledge of all fostering regulations, child care law, and safeguarding legislation

Excellent communication skills

A commitment to high-quality practice

Intermediate IT skills to include Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint) and databases

Full driving licence with unrestricted access to your own car

### **Responsibilities**

Direct support of foster parents within a realistic caseload which enables a high level of supervision

Provide regular supervision to allocated foster parents, enabling and monitoring their practice and ensuring their compliance with regulatory standards

To work in partnership with children, young people and foster parents and other professionals, local authorities, and stakeholders, enabling full participation in assessment, planning, review, and decision making relating to safeguarding and child protection Have a full driving licence and unrestricted access to your own vehicle

Be willing to undertake an Enhanced DBS check (cost will be met by Orange Grove Fostercare)

For an informal discussion please contact Jim McGarrigle on

Orange Grove Fostercare is an equal opportunities employer and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates.

Orange Grove Fostercare is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff to share this commitment.

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