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Information Regarding Post of Social Worker / Senior Social Worker

Post No	ESCRA3E
Department	Children and Young People's Services
Salary Range	Social Worker - Scp29 £24,892 to Scp31 £26,539 or Senior Social Worker - Scp35 £29,528 to Scp38 £32,072 based on your level of experience and qualification
Informal Contact	Jean Spencer, Service Manager on 01744 671806.

Closing Date for Applications 27th April 2014

Terms and Conditions of Employment

The salary and Conditions of Service are in accordance with those laid down by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services, the Local Conditions of Service and the Council's Procedure Rules. Payment will be made on a monthly basis by credit transfer into your bank account normally on the 21st of each month.

Hours of Work

The Council's standard working week is one of 37 hours. Standard office hours are:-

Monday to Thursday	8.45 am to 5.15 pm
Friday	8.45 am to 5.00 pm

The post holder will be required to adopt a flexible approach to his/her working arrangements suitable to the level of duties required and needs of the Council.

Flexible Working

The Council supports a number of forms of working arrangements that provide management and employees with the ability to control, to some extent, the way in which they work. These enable managers to target employment to service needs and respond to employees who require flexibility in working arrangements. The introduction of flexible working arrangements will be a management decision, which will be based on the needs of the service

Details of flexible working are available from the Human Resources Section, on 01744 671852

Sickness

In addition to Statutory Sick Pay, the entitlement to Occupational Sick Pay is:-

First year of service, (after completing 4 months)	- 1 month full pay & 2 months half pay
Second year of service	- 2 months full pay & 2 months half pay
Third year of service	- 4 months full pay & 4 months half pay
Fourth and fifth year of service	- 5 months full pay & 5 months half pay
After five years of service	- 6 months full pay & 6 months half pay



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Annual Leave Entitlement

The annual leave entitlement per annum is as follows (in days):-

Service	0-5 years	Over 5 years
Up to SCP	21		..	23	27
SCP 22 - 31			..	25	28
SCP 32 - 49			..	27	30

This leave is inclusive of two Extra Statutory Holidays and is in addition to all Public Holidays.

Superannuation

The post is subject to the Local Government Pension Scheme and all employees have the following options:-

- 1) To join the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme, (SERPS)
- 2) To take out a personal pension
- 3) Become a 'pensionable employee' by joining the Local Government Superannuation Pension Scheme

Facilities for Car Users

1. Car Allowances and Incidental Car Travel Expenses

Car allowances are reimbursed at the appropriate rate for engine capacity as determined in the Local Conditions of Service. Incidental car travel expenses will also be reimbursed in respect of official journeys.

2. Car Parking Facilities - A Car Park pass is provided

Recruitment Incentives

A scheme is available in accordance with Local Conditions of Service. This covers Estate Agents, Legal, Furniture Removal expenses and Temporary Housing Accommodation or Lodging Allowance.

No Smoking Policy

The Council has a duty under the Smoke Free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006 to provide a smoke free working environment for all employees. The Council has had a policy prohibiting smoking in its building for several years. This was originally introduced to comply with its duty under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 to protect the health of employees and persons other than its employees, and provide a healthy and safe working environment.