

Title of Post	Project Worker Limerick North
Location	Limerick Family Support Service
Employment Type	Fulltime (37 hours per week) and Specific Purpose Contract estimated to end April 2027
Salary	€37,498 - €57,961 (Depending on Experience)
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Closing Date	Friday 27 th February 2026
Interview Date:	12 th March 2026

Barnardos, Ireland's leading Children's Charity, is recruiting in Limerick.

What does our Project do?

Barnardos has 3 service locations in Limerick, Limerick North based in Moyross, Limerick South is based in Southill. And an Early Intervention/Homemaker service is based in Islandgate, Limerick city.

Barnardos projects have the goals of improving the emotional well-being of children, and improving their capacity for learning and development. Barnardos is committed to interagency working and a partnership approach with families.

Barnardos Family Support Service offers direct support to families to address the needs of children. The types of intervention usually include individual work with a child and/or a parent; parent and child work; family work; group work with children and adults, drop-in information and advice, and community activities. The types of support provided often include parenting support, practical support, and support to children in terms of managing behaviour, identity work, self-esteem work, sibling work, and other issues as they arise.

Who do we work with?

Barnardos believes that an interagency and partnership-based approach is key to successful outcomes for families engaged with the service.

Referrals are received primarily from Tusla, also from Public Health Nurses, Schools and Hospitals. While working with a referred family, regular contact is maintained with the referring agency, and review meetings are held with the family to ensure an effective and appropriate service is being offered.

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Job Description

Post:	Project Worker
Location:	Barnardos Family Support Service, Limerick North
Responsible to:	Project Leader
Works with:	Project Leader, Project staff, External agencies as appropriate and Children and families accessing Barnardos services.

Job purpose

To develop and implement programmes that respond to the needs of children and families referred to the service working in partnership with families and other organisational, community and voluntary bodies.

Core Job Requirements

- Assess the needs of the children and the families engaging with the projects.
- Plan, implement and review programmes for children/young people/carers/families based on an assessment of their individual and group needs. This includes direct work through key working, group sessions, outreach, and centre-based activities, as well as advocacy at both individual and group level.
- To be vigilant for signs of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and any concerns regarding the welfare of children. To record concerns promptly and accurately. To consult with the Designated Person and take appropriate action in accordance with Barnardos Child Protection policy.
- Work directly with children, young people, carers, and families through a range of approaches - including individual, group, family, centre-based, and outreach work - providing key working support where appropriate and advocating on their behalf to meet identified needs.
- Liaise effectively with families and other statutory, community and voluntary bodies and to attend and contribute to reviews and case conferences as required.
- Work in partnership with other Barnardos services to best meet the needs of children and families by collaborating resources with planned interventions targeting groups/families of shared need.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of all aspects of work, including the collection of statistical data, preparation of reports, and administration of relevant databases, in line with service requirements
- Identify and document to the line manager any unmet needs of children/young people/ carers / families within the service and to participate in the advocacy work of the agency.

Note: This Job Description will be reviewed and updated in line with the needs of the work.

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Person Specification

Personal Attributes

- Commitment to the delivery of quality services to children, young people, families and carers.
- Ability to act on own initiative and consult where appropriate.
- Ability to work under pressure, make decisions in consultation with the line manager when appropriate.
- To be committed to adhering to best practice in the work and be innovative and open to change.
- Flexibility and adaptability are essential for this post.
- Ability to form objective relationships with children, young people, families/carers, colleagues and other agencies.

Experience

A minimum of 2 years' experience, comprising:

- At least one year post-qualification experience
- Up to one year pre-qualification relevant direct work may be considered
- Experience of working in partnership with families and carers.
- Experience of planning, implementing and reviewing programmes with children and/or families.

Qualifications

A recognised third level practice qualification¹ (minimum Level 7 on the QQI) in one of the following:

Early Childhood Care and Education / Social Care / Education / Social Work / Youth Work
Or related discipline (Nursing, Psychology, Early Years Education).

A full driving licence and access to the use of a suitably insured car essential.

The post holder is initially assigned to work in the Limerick service in Limerick North and may be required in the future to work in other project(s) in the Limerick area in line with organisational needs.

**Barnardos is an equal opportunity employer.
We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all.**

¹ Course content should include relevant student placements