

<b>Title of Post</b>	<b>Family Support Practitioner - Project Worker (Mullingar)</b>
<b>Location</b>	Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
<b>Employment Type</b>	Specific Purpose & Part-Time (29.5 Hours per week)
<b>Salary</b>	€29,897 - €46,212 DOE (Pro-rated salary for 29.5 hours)
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<b>Closing Date</b>	Monday March 23rd
<b>Interview Date</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April

## **Barnardos Family Support Service, Mullingar are Hiring!**

Barnardos Mullingar Family Support service works closely with the Athlone Family Support services managed by the Project Leader

**Location Address:** Belleville Apartments, Longford Road, Mullingar, County Westmeath

### **What does Barnardos Family Support Services do?**

We offer a range of supports for families, which include individual sessions with children, and parents; and at times sessions with siblings, parent and child sessions.

We deliver parenting support both individually and in groups with a focus on strengthening and modelling core-parenting skills, which aim to enhance and strengthen parent-child relationships. Parents may be seen with their children and/ or on their own depending on the presenting need. Services operate Monday to Friday.

### **Project Worker**

#### **Job Description**

**Post:** Project Worker

**Location:** Mullingar, County Westmeath

**Responsible to:** Project Leader Barnardos Mullingar and Athlone services

**Works with:** Barnardos staff, service users and other agencies.

#### **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.

### **Requirements Specific to this Post**

- Provide family support to children and families living in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, and surrounding areas.
- You are initially assigned to work in the Mullingar project but may be required in the future to work in other projects in the Midlands region in line with organisational needs.

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

## **Project Worker**

### **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.
- Awareness of self-regulation and importance self-care when working in a stressful and trauma informed environment.
- 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 of working with vulnerable children and families. This experience may consist of up to one-year pre-qualification relevant equivalent experience and at least 1 year post-qualification experience.
- 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 qualification<sup>1</sup> (minimum Level 7 on the QQI) in one of the following:

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

**Full driving licence and access to the use of a suitably insured vehicle essential.**

The post-holder is initially assigned to work in the Mullingar Family Support project but may be required to work in other locations in the Midlands area in line with organisational needs.

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<sup>1</sup> Course content should include relevant student placements