

Title of Post	Project Workers (Social Care) X2 - Edenderry
Location	Edenderry Family Support project
Employment Type	Post 1: Permanent & Full-Time (37 hours) Post 2: Part-time (22.5hrs / week) & Specific Purpose Contract (estimated to December 2026)
Salary	€37,498 - €57,961 Depending on Experience This is the salary for fulltime 37 hours part-time will be pro-rata accordingly
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Closing Date	7 th May 2026
Interview Date	14 th May 2026

Barnardos Family Support Service Edenderry, Business Park, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.

Barnardos Family Support Service Edenderry offers a range of supports for families.

This includes for example

- individual therapeutic support for children through therapeutic play,
- group-based therapeutic support for children,
- parenting support focusing on strengthening and modelling core-parenting skills,
- and structured parent-child support

The aims of these initiatives is to enhance and strengthen the parent-child relationship. Parents may be seen with their child / children and or on their own depending on the presenting need.

The service operates Monday to Friday.

Project Worker

Job Description

Location: Edenderry

Responsible to: Project Leader

Works with: Barnardos teams, 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 project.
- Plan, implement and review programmes for children/young people/carers/families based on an assessment of their individual and group needs.
- Work with children/young people/carers/families in a variety of ways, including group work, individual work and family work, centre based and outreach work.
- Key work individual children/young people/carers/families in order to meet their needs and to advocate on their behalf.
- 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.
- Keep regular records in relation to all aspects of work and prepare reports as required.
- Gather information statistics and prepare reports as required, including administration of databases as appropriate to the role.
- 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 Offaly.
- You are initially assigned to work in the Edenderry 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.
- 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

- Minimum of 2 years' experience of working with vulnerable children and families specifically within a child welfare context; – up to 12 months of which can be pre-qualification equivalent, relevant experience and at least 12 months post-qualification relevant experience required.
- 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: Social Care/ Education / Social Work / Youth Work /Early Childhood Care and Education or a related discipline e.g. Nursing/ Psychology / Early Years Education

Applicants with a Social Care or Social Work qualification must be registered with CORU as a Social Care Worker or Social Worker respectively.

Those eligible for CORU registration who are currently in the process of registration through their qualification, or under CORU's transitional arrangements (grandparenting route), will be required to provide evidence that this is in process.

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

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

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¹ Course content should include relevant student placements