



Person Specification & Job Description

Position Title: Self-employed part-time Equine-Assisted Therapist

Location: Sirona Therapeutic Horsemanship, Buckhams Stables, Old School Farm, Dartington Hall, Totnes, TQ9 6EB

Reports to: Managing Director

Rate of pay: £25 pr hr sessional work - approx. 4-6 hrs pr week initially

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Closing date: 10th July. **Interviews:** 15th and 18th July

- To work directly with disadvantaged children and young people 6-25yrs and adults with a wide range of support needs providing equine-assisted therapy and learning sessions and other relevant equine based programmes
- Work in partnership with children, young people, their families and other agencies, such as social services and schools. This includes attending meetings both at Sirona and sometimes off site (for which travel expenses will be paid)
- If upporting students in accredited qualifications in horse care in partnership with Duchy College and overseeing their portfolios of work
- To ensure safety remains at the centre of the work with children and young people and all work is risk assessed
- To promote the values and principles of Sirona Therapeutic Horsemanship in providing support and educational opportunities to vulnerable children and young people in order to help them reach their potential
- Write reports and monitor and evaluate progress of participants
- Provide support in horse care and management as required. This includes maintaining the classroom and yard and other areas are clean and tidy at the end of the day.
- Work within and promote policies in relation to Equal Opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice

	Must have/be able:	Desirable qualities
Experience	<p>Experienced therapist/counsellor with high horsemanship skills</p> <p>Experience of equine-assisted therapy/learning</p> <p>Worked with different age and ability groups of young people and adults</p> <p>Worked within a range of equine establishments with wide variety of horses</p>	<p>Able to effectively liaise with different external organisations</p> <p>Have worked with young people and horses in a teaching Capacity</p>

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Skills & abilities	Able to work with young people who have experienced difficult backgrounds Good team worker Excellent communication skills Good IT skills Knowledge of health and safety	Have worked in a variety of positions with young people with additional needs/challenges Good knowledge of stable management
Qualifications	Qualified Counsellor or Psychotherapist with BACP/UKCP etc registration	Equine qualifications Good standard of general education
Training	Equine-assisted learning/therapy training Current first aid certificate (we can provide this if necessary) Safeguarding and Child Protection (we can provide this if necessary)	Additional training in young people Equine training
Other	Willing to work weekends & evenings if required Flexible with working hours Willing to undertake training in relevant areas	Current driving licence

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