



### **Willow Lodge- Support worker job description**

Willow Lodge is a supportive semi-independent living accommodation, for up to 4 young people. These young people will have either come from the sister home, which is residential care home for Children who are looked after, that is located close by- The Beech House.

Willow lodge is a new home, and will accommodate young people from 16-25, although the majority will be 17-21 years old. The young people will be making a transition from a full wrap around care home, like The Beech House, and then moving onto living independently in their own flat when they leave Willow Lodge.

So this is an opportunity to make a real difference in a young adult's life and prepare them for living independently. As the residents will either be out at work, college or apprenticeships, the hours are generally evenings and weekends.

The young people will have their own "studio" with bedroom, small kitchen and bathroom, but they may require assistance in learning new skills and general support. The staff member on site will be lone working, and get involved with everything from keeping the communal areas clean, administration and supporting the young adults either emotionally, via key work sessions or with practical support.

You should be someone who is driven by making a difference to someone's life, who can build relationships and rapport with a range of different individuals and someone who enjoys supporting people in various tasks. You must also have good computer and written skills, as there is a fair amount of administration to complete for each resident and on each shift.

You must also be prepared to get involved with various tasks, from helping to change light bulbs to assisting with job application to talking through a personal problem, offering advice and emotional support. The role will be very varied, and experience of working with young people/ adults either in a residential setting, support worker, youth worker or mentor would be required.

The shifts may involve a sleep in, which is from 11pm-7am, as Willow Lodge needs 1 person to stay in the house each night.