



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Role: Occupational Therapist – Housing & Manual Handling (full time)**

**Location: Saffron Walden office based with travel to Southend-On-Sea (Hybrid option)**

**Salary: £27,000 per annum**

### **Job Overview**

Your role will involve undertaking occupational therapy assessments as part of the Disabled Facilities Grant process for the local authority. You will be asked to assess the housing needs of adults and children with disabilities. You will be asked to clinically reason the client's needs and justify suitable solutions to improve their lives by recommending adaptations to overcome environmental barriers. In this role you will have the ability to improve people's lives by recommending adaptations to overcome environmental barriers.

You will be predominantly based in the office in Saffron Walden, with the requirement to travel to support clients in the Southend on Sea area. There are options for hybrid working, which we are happy to discuss with you. You must hold a valid driving licence and have suitable transport with business insurance. You will be reimbursed for your mileage.

### **About the person**

This role will suit you if you are a newly qualified occupational therapist wishing to specialise in housing and manual handling. You will be passionate about improving people's lives with a commitment to continued professional development.

### **About us**

We are a private housing occupational therapy company, designing and adapting homes for the less able. We work on behalf of a local authority adaptations team, with clients of all ages who have chronic medical conditions.

We are a small team, and the business is growing, we are looking for someone to join us and support the positive caring environment we share.

### **Key Responsibilities and Duties**

1. You will be working with adults and children to provide solutions to their housing needs. Clients may have physical, sensory and mental health issues and some may be wheelchair users.
2. Your role will be to identify risks in the home and to identify solutions to mitigate these risks.
3. You will be competent at documenting your work and clinical reasoning, for example writing case notes, reports and making recommendations for equipment, minor and major adaptations.
4. You will adhere to the Royal College of Occupational Therapists Professional standards for occupational therapy practice, conduct and ethics and comply with the company policies and procedures.

### **Qualifications and Requirements**

Experience:

- Good communication skills, both written and verbal
- Good assessment and problem-solving skills
- Good clinical reasoning
- Committed to continuous professional development



- Self-motivated and ability to work autonomously as well as part of a team
- Ability to prioritise own workload and to work with minimum supervision
- IT skills - have basic knowledge of using all programmes within Microsoft Office package and the ability to learn new IT systems including Customer relationship management (CRM) programmes and OneDrive, training will be provided.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Science Honours degree or Masters in Occupational Therapy
- Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Registered with the Royal College of Occupational Therapists
- \*Up to date first aid, manual handling and safeguarding training (\*preferable)

**Core Competencies**

- Client Service - ability to respond to the clients and anticipate their needs
- Analytical Thinking – ability to apply logic to solve problems and get the job done
- Creative Thinking and Flexibility - ability to look outside the box and develop new strategies
- Initiative and Decision Making - can make decisions and take responsibility for them
- Excellent communication - can use language effectively to gather information and facilitate the exchange of ideas
- Knowledge of the effects of disability on the individual