**JOB TITLE:** Clinical Psychologist

**SERVICE:** Parent & Baby Wellness Service

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Service Manager/PIPUK

**MAIN PURPOSE**

To work with parents and other primary carers who for whatever reason are finding it difficult to bond with their baby and the early stages of parenting a challenge.

Working with parent infant dyads and triads, but could include work with parents and groups. To form positive working relationships with families and key partners.

Providing Supervision, Consultation and training to other professionals.

**MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

* To provide clinical leadership and specialist psychological/psychotherapy assessments, utilising information from a broad range of highly specialist psychological/psychotherapeutic assessments specifically for babies up to 2 years of age, their parents, carers and wider family during the perinatal period.
* To implement a range of psychological/psychotherapeutic treatment plans or management, for families with children under 2 years and for parent-infant mental health.
* To evaluate, analyse and make judgements on the effectiveness of the complex psychological treatments for complex and challenging service users.

• To undertake a range of psychological/psychotherapeutic therapeutic interventions, drawing on a range of psychological models and employing a range of modalities (individual, family and group) adapted and tailored to the needs of the individual and the context and the ongoing evaluation of the outcomes of the intervention. This will include ensuring the use of current research findings and best practice guidance.

• To make highly skilled evaluations and decisions about treatment options taking into account both theoretical and therapeutic models and highly complex factors concerning historical and development processes that have shaped the individual, family or group and following empirical research findings describing protective and risk factors.

* Responsibility for the clinical supervision of practitioners and therapists within LivPIP as well as trainee psychologists - to be involved in, or oversee specialist psychological aspects of their implementation.
* To establish networks and positive working relationships with other key agencies, organisations and representatives, particularly those offering additional support to parents, carers and families.
* To promote and develop the service, its links within the local/ wider community and PIPUK and identify areas for improvement and/or development.
* Utilise research skills for audit and service development purposes and for sustainability of LiVPIP. Make use of opportunities to plan and complete research around infant mental health, family growth in the perinatal period and systemic practice with babies.
* To contribute to the strategic vision for the LivPIP service and it’s establishment and development within local strategic decision making forums.
* To input into national policy and professional debates and documents around infant mental health, early intervention and preventative mental health services.

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND RELATIONSHIPS**

* To participate in supervision with the Clinical Director of PIPUK and to maintain membership of the PIPUK network.
* To keep up to date with national and local safeguarding policies. To ensure that safeguarding issues are considered and acted on at all times. To assess parent’s mental state, risk of harm to infants as a result of parental mental state, indicators of harm (both abuse and neglect) in infants and risk to infants of receiving insufficient stimulation as a result of difficulties in parenting.
* To organise own clinical time to enable the efficient provision of clinical time with a clinical caseload.
* To contribute to the systematic governance of psychological practice within services, including maintaining systematic records and maintaining record keeping standards.

**ADDITIONAL DUTIES**

* To actively participate in developing directorate, team and individual objectives and plans, attend staff performance management and learning and development reviews.
* To take a lead in the evaluation of services provided by LivPIP, making sure all data is entered onto a data collection system and will assist in the analysis and interpretation of this data.
* The post holder is expected to be flexible in the performance of duties and to undertake any other duties identified as appropriate to the post.
* All jobs are subject to change from time to time and this job description will be reviewed regularly.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

PSS recognises the great importance of confidentiality in the professional practice of its staff and in its administrative procedures. Information clearly intended for one purpose should not be used for another without the sanction of the service user, staff member or person supplying the information. The only exceptions are where there is clear evidence of serious danger to the service user, staff member or other person(s) or where legislation requires release of the information. All staff are required not to divulge any information, verbal or written, to any external source that could be damaging to the company’s reputation or commercial viability. The Society’s Confidentiality Policy (Staff Guidebook Section 2.15) and Whistleblowing Procedure (Staff Guidebook Section 2.120) must be referred to for further details.

##### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES and HEALTH & SAFETY

Ensure compliance with, and application of, PSS’s requirements with regard to equality and diversity and Health & Safety both for self and all staff and providers they manage. Demonstrate respect for others, promote awareness of obligations of staff and providers and identify actions to promote equality and diversity and health & safety across the organisation.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

* To monitor and control expenditure for own area of accountability
* To ensure that PSS financial procedures are adhered to at all times.

##### AGENCY POLICIES

All employees are required to implement and follow PSS policies and procedures and to undergo any training associated with them.

##### JOB DESCRIPTION

This job description is a guide to the work you will be required to undertake and represents a range of responsibilities commensurate with the grade for the post. It does not form part of your contract of employment.

NOTE

All employees should be aware that due to the type of work PSS undertakes there are elements of risk relating to challenging behaviour, lifting and handling. Appropriate training will be offered and staff will be expected to participate. If you are required to work with service users who smoke there may be a risk due to passive smoke.