



Required as soon as possible

Safeguarding and LAC Support Officer

**Permanent post – 37 hours per week, term time only, plus 5 days
Grade K/L SCP 27-33 (actual salary £30,883 - £35,784 - pay award pending)**

Horizons Specialist Academy Trust consists of seven academies and one sixth form across the Tees Valley and North Yorkshire area serving a population in excess of 800 students with a broad range of special educational needs.

HSAT is a major provider of education and related services to pupils and students with special educational needs in the North East of England. As such, we endeavor to develop innovative resources and practices in keeping with our aim of being recognised as a leading edge provider in the area of special educational needs.

Reporting directly to, and deputising for, the Trust Safeguarding and Early Help Lead, the Safeguarding and LAC Support Officer will play a critical role in ensuring our academies meet all regulatory standards with regards to safeguarding and Looked After Children. Working closely with individual academy safeguarding teams and Designated Teachers, you will champion safeguarding at a senior level and support all operational aspects of safeguarding across the trust, including development, implementation and compliance, ensuring all HSAT's procedures and practices are operationally sound and in accordance with both existing guidance and requirements, as well as best practice. This will include case management and investigative work and experience of working with external partners such as the local authority and local safeguarding board. You will be a credible professional and be able to communicate effectively to a range of audiences including children, families, and external multi-agency organisations.

Applicants will have an NVQ level 4 or equivalent qualification and/or a minimum of three years' experience in an educational and safeguarding environment.

If you have any further questions/queries regarding this role please email the Trust Safeguarding and Early Help Lead – carly.beecroft@horizonstrust.org.uk .

An application form and further information is available to download from the Horizons Trust website - <https://www.horizonstrust.org.uk/jobs>

Completed application forms should be returned by 12 noon on, Friday 8th November to: HR Dept, c/o, Abbey Hill Academy, Ketton Road, Stockton-On-Tees. TS19 8BU or by email to HSATHR@horizonstrust.org.uk.

Horizons Specialist Academy Trust is committed to safer recruitment practices and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed, this may include online searches. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.