



Job Description

Job Title	Occupational Therapist Basic Grade – 4 Month Fixed Term Contract 14 HPW
Location	The post will be based in CHO3 within the Blackberry Park Children Disability Network Teams (CDNT) Limerick
Reporting to	Children's Services Manager or Delegated Manager

Overall Purpose of the Post

The post holder will be responsible for the provision of an occupational therapy service including assessment, diagnostics and intervention as required to all children accessing the Children's Services and will work as a member of the inter/trans-disciplinary team providing services to children and families.

Duties:

Planning and Organising of Activities and Resources

- Plans and organise activities and necessary resources efficiently and effectively.
- Understands the importance of time management for themselves and in particular how this translates to organising their assigned caseload.
- Demonstrates the ability to arrange and schedule activities.
- Deals with unexpected scenarios with persistence and flexibility to ensure the achievement of goals.
- Maintains a disciplined and professional level of performance under sustained or situational pressure.

Professional Development and Standards in the Service

- Demonstrates sufficient clinical skills in assessment intervention and diagnostics to meet the specific needs of children with a range of disabilities / developmental delay.

- Is adequately aware of policy, legislative and professional requirements to ensure appropriate standards in their area of responsibility.
- Ensures that all records and technical data are up to date and available if required.
- Ensures strict compliance with health and safety standards and adheres to operational guidelines ensuring equipment is checked and working correctly in accordance with safety standards.
- To ensure that the needs of the service users are being adequately met by the occupational therapy service provided.

Integrity & Decision Making

- Holds an appropriate and effective set of professional values and beliefs and behaves in line with professional standards as set down by Enable Ireland and relevant professional bodies.
- Makes decisions in a well-judged and timely manner bringing all relevant information to bear.
- Uses logical analysis to break complex problems into their component parts.
- Promotes and consistently supports the demonstration and development of evidence based service delivery.

Service Delivery & Initiative

- Has the functional and technical knowledge and skills in occupational therapy relevant to children with a range of physical/sensory/learning disabilities, to make a credible contribution to the service and actively engages in service development.
- Collaborate with the service user while working in partnership with the service user parent/family/carer and all other relevant stakeholders to identify and achieve goals.
- Strives to achieve quality results at all levels of the service in line with the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) as adopted by Enable Ireland.
- Takes initiatives to move the service forward and shows a willingness to try out new ideas under supervision that add service delivery value.
- Is committed to achieving evidence based goals and the continuous improvement of the service.
- Shows enthusiasm and a high level of motivation in completing projects.
- To take responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of equipment and stock.

Building and Maintaining Working Relationships

- Forms strong positive working relationships across all areas of the service, builds on a common understanding.
- Demonstrates a supportive and reciprocating work style including strong empathy with service users.
- To communicate effectively with parents of children attending the service so as to provide a children and family centered service.
- Works appropriately with all stakeholders.

- To develop and maintain good working relationships with personnel from the Health Board and other agencies so as to promote a seamless service to families.

Team Working

- To work in collaboration with the other members of the inter/transdisciplinary team in the planning and delivery of services for children, in particular in the development of family centered practice.
- Attend and actively contribute to relevant clinical and professional and service meetings.
- Participate in training and developmental opportunities as identified and agreed.
- Support and contribute to research initiatives as required.
- Understands concepts of inter and transdisciplinary team working and complexity of working in teams.

This description is not restrictive and the post holder may be required to carry out other duties as requested by their Manager.

Terms & Conditions:

Responsible to:	Children Services Manager/ Director of Services
Probation:	A probationary period of six months applies to this post
Salary:	The current salary for this post is from €33,969- €50,033 for a full time post, and pro rata for part time posts. Entry point on the scale is commensurate with experience.
Annual leave:	Annual leave entitlement is 32 days per annum pro-rata per annum and proportionately less for less than 12 months service.
Pension Scheme:	Enable Ireland operates a contributory pension scheme which all members of employees may join on earlier of 1st July or 1st January following start date.
VHI:	Enable Ireland operates a group VHI scheme which you may join.
Medical:	The successful candidate will be required to undergo a medical assessment.
Garda Clearance/	
Police Clearance:	These will be required for all prospective employees who will undertake relevant work or activities relating to children or vulnerable persons.
Sick Pay:	All periods of sickness exceeding two days must be medically certified weekly medical certificates are required thereafter. The Company reserves the right to have you examined by its own Doctor after 3 months continuous sick leave. Upon

completion of 9 months continuous service with the Company
sick pay will be as follows:

Full pay less social welfare for the first 13 weeks of sickness in
any 12 month rolling period and half pay less social welfare for
a further (13) weeks of sickness absence in the same 12
month rolling period.