# EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL JOB DESCRIPTION

# Job Title: Support Worker

# Department: Adult Social Care and Health

# Grade: [Single Status 5](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/jobs/working-here/pay/east-sussex-single-status)

# Responsible to:

# Purpose of the Role:

**East Sussex Community Support Service (ESCSS) Supported Living**

East Sussex Community Support Service (ESCSS) provides services to adults with a diagnosed learning disability from the age of 19+, to people living in Supported Living. ESCSS is a county wide 24/7 service. TheSupport Worker’s provide whole life support. For example, this could be supporting an individual with personal care, administering medication or attending a medical appointment, helping them budget plan and food shop or support an individual to learn to undertake their own domestic tasks or attend a recreational activity or interest or being in their home with them so they are safe.

Support Workers work on a rota basis within our supported living schemes, to help people with specific tasks or outcomes. As a Support Worker you will be involved in supporting individuals, predominantly on a one-to-one basis to live their whole life and be as independent as possible and achieve their life goals. The role is varied, interesting and individual, depending on the client with a range of working hours on a rota basis covering a 24/7 period.

Support Workers are responsible for meeting the care and support needs of the people who are receiving support from the service, acting as a key worker to a small group of clients. As a key worker you get to know the clients within your key worker group very well and liaise with health professionals, social workers, carers, family members etc and advocate for key clients as needed.

# Key tasks:

1. Provide practical and emotional support to enable people to live their best life.
2. Be caring, compassionate and kind, and demonstrate the teams’ values.
3. Use a range of communication skills to support people to understand and communicate their needs and wishes.
4. Supporting people with their health and wellbeing needs which may include medication administration, personal care, and other health related tasks.
5. Understand, follow and update support related documentation to meet people’s needs.
6. Ensure day to day information is clearly and accurately recorded and monitored, and any concerns highlighted and reported in a timely and appropriate way.
7. Work in partnership with people in a wide range of roles as well as families and carers.
8. Assess individual support needs and develop plans and assess risks.
9. Coordinate reviews with key agencies.
10. Plan, develop and run sessions for a group of individuals

Recognising that ESCC is a large organisation with a number of over-arching priorities extending to all areas of our work, you should be aware of these Council priorities and proactively seek appropriate opportunities in your work/service area to contribute, in consultation with your line manager; in particular, but not limited to:

* Net zero emissions targets – reduce your work’s environmental impact.
* Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – contributing to an inclusive and supportive working environment.
* Making the best of our resources - ensuring awareness of the impact of what you do to maximise the use of public monies.

# PERSON SPECIFICATION

# Essential education and qualifications

1. Level 1 in Maths and English or ability to pass assessment as part of the selection process

# Essential key skills, abilities, knowledge, experience, values and behaviours

1. Ability to provide support respectively and sensitively.
2. Ability to have patience and understanding when providing support.
3. Ability and willingness to support with medication administration, personal care, and other health related tasks.
4. Ability to understand health conditions and how it can impact a client’s presentation.
5. Ability to converse at ease with clients and their advocates.
6. Ability to work effectively, both within the team and independently and able to judge when to act on your own initiative and when to seek guidance.
7. Ability to covey information clearly.
8. Ability to read and follow support related documentation.
9. Ability to record information accurately
10. Ability to meet the travel requirements of the post.
11. Ability to meet the physical requirements to complete the role for example administer CPR and manual handling.

# Desirable key skills, abilities, knowledge, experience, values and behaviours

1. Ability to use a variety of technology as part of your day-to-day role, or the willingness to learn.
2. Care Certificate and level 2 in Care
3. Knowledge of people’s rights to accessing support.
4. Knowledge of the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
5. Knowledge of safeguarding and awareness of the principles.
6. Experience in providing care.
7. Experience and understanding of different health conditions.
8. Experience in using own initiative.

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Health & Safety Functions

This section is to make you aware of any health & safety related functions you may be expected to either perform or to which may be exposed in relation to the post you are applying for. This information will help you if successful in your application identify any health-related condition which may impact on your ability to perform the job role, enabling us to support you in your employment by way of reasonable adjustments or workplace support.

| **Function** | **Applicable to role** |
| --- | --- |
| Using display screen equipment | Yes |
| Working with children/vulnerable adults | Yes |
| Moving & handling operations | Yes |
| Occupational Driving | Yes |
| Lone Working | No |
| Working at height | No |
| Shift / night work | Yes |
| Working with hazardous substances | No |
| Using power tools | No |
| Exposure to noise and /or vibration | No |
| Food handling | Yes |
| Exposure to blood /body fluids | Yes |