National profiles for social work

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^{*}generic profile provisions apply - see below

GENERIC PROFILES

The following generic profile note extracted from the Second Edition of the Job Evaluation Handbook explains the position in cases where the minimum score falls below the relevant grade boundary: (See para 5.2 Section 7).

The band for jobs covered by this generic profile is band e.g. 4. The minimum total profile score falls below the band 4 grade boundary. This is the result of using a single generic profile to cover a number of jobs of equivalent but not necessarily similar factor demand. It is <u>not</u> anticipated that any job will be assessed at the minimum level of every possible factor range. If this were the case it indicates that the job should instead be matched against a band 3 profile. If this is not successful, the job must be locally evaluated.

Profile label:	Social worker entry level
Job Statement:	1.Provides a social work service in a community/hospital setting as part of indentured/
	supported practice
	2. Discharges statutory social care functions on behalf of the organisation
	3. Assesses and arranges delivery of social care packages for caseload clients
	4. Arranges/provides therapeutic services

Factor	Relevant Job Information	JE Level
1. Communication & Relationship Skills	Provide and receive highly complex, sensitive, contentious information/complex, sensitive information in a hostile or highly emotive atmosphere Communicates on issues of a highly sensitive nature eg child protection, vulnerable adults, guardianship issues/communicates information in an emotive atmosphere	5(a)(c)
2. Knowledge, Training & Experience	Expertise within a specialism underpinned by theory Professional knowledge and competence gained through Diploma in Social Work or equivalent; undertaking indentured/ supported practice.	5
3. Analytical & Judgemental Skills	Range of facts and situations requiring analysis Client related decisions, assessment of social care needs	3
4. Planning & Organisational Skills	Plan and organise straightforward activities, some ongoing tasks/plan and organise complex activities, programmes requiring formulation, adjustment Plans care/organises multi-disciplinary meetings, case conferences	2-3
5. Physical Skills	Physical skills obtained through practice Standard driving, keyboard skills.	2
6. Responsibility for Patient/Client Care	Develop programmes of social care/care packages Co-ordinates and develops care packages or support services, advises clients, carers	5(a)
7. Responsibility for Policy/Service Development	Follow policy within own area, may comment Follows departmental policies	1
8. Responsibility for Financial & Physical Resources	Handle cash, valuables; authorised signatory, small payments Handles client cash; makes, authorises small payments to clients.	2(a)(d)
9. Responsibility for Human Resources	Demonstrate own activities May demonstrate own duties	1
10. Responsibility for Information Resources	Record personally generated information Maintains client records and writes reports.	1
11. Responsibility for Research & Development	Undertake surveys/audits within own area of work Undertakes surveys, care audits as necessary	1
12. Freedom to Act	Clearly defined occupational policies; work is managed rather than supervised Works independently but with regular support.	3
13. Physical Effort	Combination of sitting, standing and walking Light physical effort	1
14. Mental Effort	Frequent concentration, work pattern predictable Concentration when dealing with clients.	2(a)
15. Emotional Effort	Frequent distressing; occasional highly distressing circumstances Client behaviour and circumstances; disclosure of abuse, unexpected death.	3(a)(b)
16. Working Conditions	Occasional/ frequent unpleasant conditions Verbal aggression.	2(a)-3(a)
JE Score/Band	JE Score 339 - 356	Band 5

Profile Label	Rehabilitation Worker (Sensory Impairment)
Job Statement:	Develops and provides services for people with a sensory impairment
	2. Develop individual work plans for clients to maximise independence

Factor	Relevant Job Information	JE Level
1 Communication & Relationship Skills	Provide and receive complex sensitive contentious/in a hostile, antagonistic or highly emotive atmosphere. Working with individuals, families and carers to encourage them to accept diagnosis of illness/Communication of issues where there may be barriers to acceptance, e.g. life-altering circumstances, abuse.	4(a)-5(c)
2. Knowledge, Training & Experience	Expertise within a specialism Professional knowledge gained through qualification to degree level or equivalent	5
3. Analytical & Judgemental Skills	Facts or situations requiring analysis Assesses and refers to other specialists where necessary.	3
4. Planning & Organisational Skills	Plans and organises straightforward tasks/plans and organises complex activities or programmes. Plans and organises client activities/multi-disciplinary case discussion meetings and reviews.	2-3
5. Physical Skills	Developed skills: advanced sensory skills. Using Braille, British Sign Language or equivalent when teaching or communicating.	3(a)
6. Responsibility for Patient/Client Care	Develop programmes of care/care packages Develops individual living plans with clients	5(a)
7. Responsibility for Policy/Service Development	Follow policies in own role/implements policies for own work area. May comment on policy development/Implement policies within own area of work.	1-2
8. Responsibility for Financial & Physical Resources	Maintains stock control. Order stock items, and checks stock received.	2(c)
9. Responsibility for Human Resources	Demonstrates own activities to new or less experienced employees/responsible for training in own discipline. Demonstrates own duties/Provides sensory awareness training to health professionals, students and community groups.	1-2(c)
10. Responsibility for Information Resources	Records personally generated information Updates client records.	1
11. Responsibility for Research & Development	Undertakes surveys/audits within own area of work. Carries out audits	1
12. Freedom to Act	Broad occupational policies. Lead specialist in sensory impairment, autonomous working, not directly supervised	4
13. Physical Effort	Combination of sitting, standing, walking. Light physical effort.	1
14. Mental Effort	Frequent concentration, work pattern predictable. Concentration for working with clients.	2(a)
15. Emotional Effort	Occasional/frequent exposure to distressing or emotional circumstances. Imparting information on the impact of sensory impairment.	2-3(a)
16. Working Conditions	Occasional/frequent exposure to unpleasant conditions. Exposure to dust, dirt, verbal aggression.	2(a) -3(b)
JE score/band	JE Score 342-393	Band 5

Profile Label	Social Worker
Job Statement:	1. Provides a social work service in a community, mental health or hospital setting
	2. Discharges statutory social care functions on behalf of the organisation
	3. Assesses and arranges delivery of social care packages for caseload clients
	4. Arranges/ provides of therapeutic services

Factor	Relevant Job Information	JE Level
1. Communication & Relationship Skills	Provide and receive complex, sensitive information in a hostile or highly emotive atmosphere; highly complex, sensitive, contentious information/ in a hostile, antagonistic or highly emotive atmosphere Communicates on highly sensitive issues eg child protection, vulnerable adults, guardianship issues/ communicates information in an emotive atmosphere; deals with child protection, vulnerable adults, mental health issues, disclosure of sensitive information, bereavement, explaining legislation in emotive situations	5(a)(c)-6
2. Knowledge, Training & Experience	Specialist knowledge underpinned by theory and relevant practical experience Professional knowledge gained through Diploma in Social Work or equivalent plus consolidation through period of indentured/supported practice	6
3. Analytical & Judgemental Skills	Complex facts or situations requiring analysis, interpretation, comparisons of a range of options Complicated decisions which may be disputed in court; assesses and manages risk, admission to care	4
4. Planning & Organisational Skills	Plan and organise straightforward tasks/plan and organise complex activities or programmes requiring formulation, adjustment Plans care/organises multi-disciplinary meetings, case conferences.	2-3
5. Physical Skills	Physical skills obtained through practice Standard driving, keyboard skills	2
6. Responsibility for Patient/Client Care	Develop programmes of social care/care packages Co-ordinates and develops care packages or support services, advises carers and families.	5(a)
7. Responsibility for Policy/Service Development	Follow policies in own role Follows policies, makes comments on proposals for change	1
8. Responsibility for Financial & Physical Resources	Handle cash, valuables; authorised signatory for small cash payments Handles client cash; makes or authorises small payments to clients.	2(a) (d)
9. Responsibility for Human Resources	Demonstrate own activities to new or less experienced employees/clinical supervision May demonstrate own duties; mentor social work student, new entrants	1-2 (b)
10. Responsibility for Information Resources	Record personally generated information Maintains client records and writes reports.	1
11. Responsibility for Research & Development	Undertakes survey/audits within own area of work Undertakes surveys, care audits as necessary to own work	1
12. Freedom to Act	Broad occupational policies and regulations. Works within broad guidelines and protocols, monthly supervision	4
13. Physical Effort	Combination of sitting, standing and walking. Light physical effort	1
14. Mental Effort	Frequent concentration, work pattern predictable/unpredictable Requirement for concentration when dealing with clients/ interruptions to deal with emergency situations	2(a)-3(a)
15. Emotional Effort	Frequent distressing; occasional/frequent highly distressing or emotional circumstances Clients with difficult circumstances/ disclosure of abuse, unexpected death	3(a)(b)-4(b)

16. Working Conditions	Frequent exposure to unpleasant conditions/some exposure to hazards Verbal/physical aggression	3(a)- 4(a)
JE Score/Band	JE Score 406-458	Band 6

Profile label	Social Work Team Manager
Job Statement:	1. Delivers a social work service within the community, mental health or hospital setting
	(or in residential childcare in Northern Ireland)
	2. Manages a team of staff in social care
	3. Discharges statutory social care functions on behalf of the organisation
	4. Responsible for ensuring the delivery of social care packages

Factor	Relevant Job Information	JE Level
1. Communication & Relationship Skills	Provide and receive highly complex, sensitive, contentious/highly complex information/ in a hostile, antagonistic or highly emotive atmosphere Communicates on highly sensitive issues, negotiates over services, staff, clients/ deals with child protection, vulnerable adults, mental health issues, disclosure of sensitive information, bereavement, explaining legislation in emotive situations	5(a)-6
2. Knowledge, Training & Experience	Specialist knowledge across range of procedures underpinned by theory Professional knowledge acquired through Diploma in Social Work/degree or equivalent in social care supplemented by specialist training, experience	6
3. Analytical & Judgemental Skills	Complex facts or situations requiring analysis, interpretation, comparison of a range of options. Assesses risk, develops management strategies, content of advice, direction to team members.	4
4. Planning & Organisational Skills	Plan and organise complex activities, requiring formulation, adjustment Organises and allocates team workload, staff meetings, adjust plans as necessary	3
5. Physical Skills	Physical skills obtained through practice. Standard driving, keyboard skills.	2
6. Responsibility for Patient/Client Care	Provide highly specialised advice. Provide advice to social workers in relation to client care, maintains, ensures quality standards	6 (c)
7. Responsibility for Policy/Service Development	Implement policies and propose changes to practices, procedures for own area/Propose policy changes/ impact beyond own area Responsible for policy development and implementation/may impact outside own area e.g. housing, education	2-3
8. Responsibility for Financial & Physical Resources	Authorised signatory; purchase of physical assets or supplies; hold delegated budget Authorises payments for services, staff and expenses; responsible for commissioning care packages.; holds delegated social care budget	3(a) (b) (d)
9. Responsibility for Human Resources	Day to day management Management of a team of staff in social care	3(a)
10. Responsibility for Information Resources	Record personally generated information Updates client, staff records	1
11. Responsibility for Research & Development	Regularly lead clinical audit Undertakes clinical audit using research techniques.	2(a)
12. Freedom to Act	Broad occupational policies Accountable for own professional action, manages team.	4
13. Physical Effort	A combination of sitting standing or walking. Light physical effort.	1
14. Mental Effort	Frequent concentration, unpredictable work pattern/occasional intense concentration. Concentration when dealing with clients, interruptions to deal with emergency situations/ cross examination in complex legal cases	3(a)-4(b)
15. Emotional Effort	Occasional/frequent exposure to highly distressing or emotional circumstances	3(b)-4(b)

16. Working Conditions	Deals with issues of abuse, adoption, mental health, case conferences Frequent exposure to unpleasant working conditions/some exposure to	3(a)-4(a)
-	hazards. Verbal /physical aggression	
JE Score/Band	JE Score 471 – 514	Band 7

Profile Label	Social Worker Specialist
Job Statement:	Primarily carries a selected caseload of complex cases
	2. Provides advice and guidance to other staff
	Participate in staff/student training and development

Factor	Relevant Job Information	JE level
1. Communication & Relationship Skills	Provide and receive highly complex information; barriers to acceptance in a hostile, antagonistic or highly emotive atmosphere. Communicates on disclosure of sensitive information, child protection\vulnerable adults issues, negotiating for client services.	
2. Knowledge, Training & Experience	Highly developed specialist knowledge underpinned by theory and experience. Professional knowledge acquired through degree/diploma in social care, supplemented by further specialist knowledge, for example in needs of a specific client group, experience to masters equivalent level	
3. Analytical & Judgemental Skills	Complex facts or situations requiring analysis, interpretation, comparison of a range of options. Assesses risk, develops management strategies, advice/direction to team members.	
4. Planning & Organisational Skills	Plan and organise complex activities, requiring formulation, adjustment Co-ordinates activities with other agencies/professions.	3
5. Physical Skills	Physical skills obtained through practice. Standard driving/keyboard skills.	
6. Responsibility for Patient/Client Care	Develop specialised programmes of care/ care packages, provide highly specialised advice. Care packages for complex cases; provides advice and guidance to other staff on complex cases or issues.	
7. Responsibility for Policy/Service Development	Implement policy and propose changes to practices, procedures for own area/impact beyond own area. Responsible for policy development and implementation/impact outside own area.	
8. Responsibility for Financial & Physical Resources	Authorised signatory small payments. Makes or authorises payments to clients.	
9. Responsibility for Human Resources	Provide training in own discipline. Delivers training to team members/other professions	
10. Responsibility for Information Resources	Record personally generated information. Updates client records.	1
11. Responsibility for Research & Development	Regularly undertake R&D activity Undertakes care audit using research techniques.	2(a)
12. Freedom to Act	Broad occupational policies. Lead specialist within own field, practitioner specialising in a particular field.	4
13. Physical Effort	Combination of sitting, standing and walking. Light physical effort.	1
14. Mental Effort	Frequent concentration; work pattern unpredictable/Occasional intense concentration. Concentration when dealing with clients, interruptions to deal with emergency situations/cross examination in complex legal cases.	3(a)-4(b)
15. Emotional Effort	Frequent distressing/highly distressing or highly emotional circumstances. Dealing with issues of abuse, terminal illness, severe mental ill-health.	
16. Working Conditions	Frequent unpleasant conditions/some exposure to hazards. Verbal /physical aggression.	3(a) 4(a)
JE Score/Band	JE Score 508 – 536	Band 7

Profile Label	Social Work Locality/Service Manager
Job Statement:	1. Provides managerial leadership to multi-disciplinary teams/facilities for a locality or
	service
	2. Provides professional leadership to social work teams
	3. Plan services and ensures statutory social care obligations are upheld
	4. Monitors /audits to ensure standards of practice meet requirements

Factor	Relevant Job Information	JE level
1. Communication & Relationship Skills	Provide and receive highly complex, sensitive or contentious information where there are significant barriers to acceptance in a highly emotive atmosphere. Chairs case conferences, case management meetings to ensure families understand what is happening e.g. discusses with clients cases of abuse where there are highly sensitive and emotional issues and significant barriers to acceptance	
2. Knowledge, Training & Experience	Highly developed specialist knowledge underpinned by theoretical knowledge and practical experience. Professional knowledge gained through Diploma in Social Work, degree or equivalent supplemented by specialist training experience within specialist area equivalent to masters level	
3. Analytical & Judgemental Skills	Judgements involving complex facts requiring interpretation, analysis, comparison of a range of options. How to handle meetings where conflict exists between members of multidisciplinary team, organisation or family e.g. case conferences, vulnerable adult panels, guardianship applications	
4. Planning & Organisational Skills	Plan, organise a range of complex activities requiring formulation, adjustment/ broad range of complex activities, strategies Planning, co-ordinating statutory function, case management meetings, supervision programmes/ long term business/operational planning of social services priorities.	
5. Physical Skills	Skills obtained through practice. Driving, keyboard skills	
6. Responsibility for Patient/Client Care	Accountable for direct delivery of sub-division of a social care service. Responsible for direct delivery of a sub-division of a social care service across a geographical area or programme of care	
7. Responsibility for Policy/Service Development	Propose changes which impact beyond own area. Responsible for policy for area, impact on other services.	
8. Responsibility for Financial & Physical Resources		
9. Responsibility for Human Resources	Dr Human Line manager for a function/department. Management of staff for a service or subdivision; including performance, sickness absence, appraisals, recruitment	
10. Responsibility for Information Resources	Record personally generated information Updates client and staff records.	
11. Responsibility for Research & Development	Occasionally/regularly undertakes R&D activity Undertakes audits/ undertakes research or advises on research for others.	1-2(a)
12. Freedom to Act	Guided by principles and broad occupational policies and regulations. Accountable for own area	
13. Physical Effort	Combination of sitting, standing and walking. Light physical effort	
14. Mental Effort	Frequent concentration, work pattern is unpredictable. Requirement to chair complex meetings, carry out audits, analysis, frequent	3(a)

	interruptions to deal with emergencies	
15. Emotional Effort	Occasional/frequent exposure to distressing/highly distressing circumstances. Deals with difficult family situations or circumstances/ issues of abuse, family breakdown, people with severely challenging behaviour.	3(a)(b)-4(b)
16. Working Conditions	Rare/occasional unpleasant conditions Verbal aggression.	1-2(a)
JE Score/Band	JE Score 530 – 574	Band *8(a)

^{*}generic job grade boundary provisions apply - see cover page note

Profile Label	Social Cared Programme Manager/Assistant Director Social Services
Job Statement:	1. Manages social care service for designated programme(s) e.g. childcare, disability,
	services for older people
	2. Responsible for policy and service development for programme area(s); ensures
	statutory obligations are upheld
	3. Accountable for service delivery: liaises with other agencies, as appropriate
	4. Responsible for management of senior staff, service budget and physical resources
	e.g. residential care homes, transport

Factor	Relevant Job Information	JE level	
1 Communication & Relationship skills	Communicate highly complex, sensitive information, agreement, co- operation required; significant barriers to acceptance in a highly emotive atmosphere Communicates highly sensitive, complex information in emotive situations e.g. court cases, public and media enquiries, in response to complaints from clients, highly complex care cases with significant barriers to acceptance	6	60
2 Knowledge, Training & Experience	Highly developed specialist knowledge across range of work procedures, underpinned by theoretical knowledge, practical experience Professional knowledge acquired through Diploma in Social Work, degree or equivalent supplemented by specialist training, experience within specialist area equivalent to masters level	7	196
3 Analytical & Judgemental Skills	Judgements involving highly complex facts, requiring interpretation and analysis, range of options Judgements on workforce planning, responses to financial pressures, contracts, complex casework where expert opinions may differ	5	60
4 Planning & Organisational Skills	Plan, organise broad range of complex activities; formulate, adjust plans, strategies Contributes to long-term plans and strategies for service provision, contracts, project management	4	42
5 Physical Skills	Skills obtained through practice Driving, keyboard skills	2	15
6 Responsibility for Patient/Client Care	Accountable for sub-division of service/accountable for direct delivery of social care service Accountable for delivery of a social care sub-division/service	6(d)- 7	39-49
7 Responsibility for Policy / Service Development	Responsible for policy implementation and development for service/for directorate or equivalent Responsible for proposing and implementing service policies.	4	32
8 Responsibility for Financial & Physical Resource	Budget holder; budget setting; procurement for service Holds budget; responsible for budget setting, monitoring, control for service; procurement of capital equipment	4(a) (b) (c)	32
9 Responsibility for Human Resources	Line manager for single function Manages staff of service, including recruitment, career development, discipline, work evaluation and planning.	4(a)	32
10 Responsibility for Information Resources	Record personally generated information Maintains client/staff and service records	1	4
11 Responsibility for Research & Development	Occasionally/regularly undertake R&D Undertakes care audits/ undertakes, scopes research.	1-2	5-12

Profile Label: Solicitor Consultant

12 Freedom to Act	Guided by general health, organisational policies, determines interpretation. Manages service, interprets policies.	5	45
13 Physical Effort	Combination of sitting, standing, walking. Light physical effort.	1	3
14 Mental Effort	Frequent concentration, work pattern unpredictable. Concentration on data analysis, writing reports, frequent interruptions.	3(a)	12
15 Emotional Effort	Occasional distressing / highly distressing situations Deals with complex service provision and staffing issues/imparts unwelcome news	2(a)-3(b)	11-18
16 Working Conditions	Exposure to unpleasant conditions is rare/occasional Primarily office conditions/ verbal abuse.	1 –2(a)	3-7
JE Score/Band		Band 8b	591-619