RECRUITMENT PROFILE

Post Number	15472	Grade	4D
Position Title	Support Worker	Department	Adult Social Care
Location	Waverley Residential Home, Galashiels	Hours	**1 x 15**
Salary/Rate of Pay	£14.37 - £15.10 per hour / £27,739.05 - £29,147.42 pro rata per annum	Number of Staff Responsible for	0
Reports to Post Number	Assistant Manager/Manager	Registration Requirements	SSSC within 3 months
Contract Status	Permanent	Disclosure Status	PVG Adults
Role Profile Number	SC2A	Work Pattern	Shifts
Vacancy Number	SBO10059	Closing Date	01/12/2026

Key Responsibilities

A Support Worker plays a crucial role in supporting service users to meet their needs as identified in their personal support plan. This is achieved through an outcome focused, person centred approach based on the key principles: independence, choice, rights, dignity and privacy.

A Support Worker must:

- Work productively on their own or within a team to create a person-centred approach and ensure a positive working atmosphere.
- Be aware of individual service users' needs through person centred support plans. Support workers are responsible for contribution to this support plan and for identifying any area which is not current and reporting this directly to a senior member of staff.
- Develop valuable communication skills with service users, families, staff and other professionals.
- Support, enable and involve service users in all aspects of their lives, including personal hygiene, eating, drinking and mobility if necessary.
- Ensure all support provided to service users' is recorded professionally and legibly in Health and Social Care recording notes and is documented every shift.
- Ensure any specific care relating to service users' health as directed by a health professional is undertaken, and associated health recordings are completed for every shift.
- Be responsible for safe administration of service user medication and be expected to comply and be competent in SBC Medication Procedure, including attendance at mandatory training.
- Treat all service users and colleagues, including external agencies, with respect at all times.
- Report any concerns relating to service user risk or harm immediately to the senior member of staff on duty, in accordance with SBC Adult Support and Protection procedures.

- Adopt a non-judgemental and anti-discriminatory approach to all aspects of the role.
- Adhere to all Adult Social Care policies and guidelines.
- Take a proactive responsibility for continuing professional development and undertake any training required by the post, including the need to maintain a record of all post registration training and learning as required by SSSC.
- Identify any gaps in knowledge and raise with senior member of staff without delay.
- Maintain any necessary records as appropriate in accordance with Adult Social Care policy on Open Access to personal files and client confidentiality.
- To proactively engage with regular supervision and Appraisal processes.
- Support service users to access local amenities.
- Report any colleague's practice concerns which has the potential to be detrimental to service users immediately to a senior member of staff or manager. This is consistent with SSSC Codes of Practice and SBC's Code of Conduct.

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	Essential	Desirable
Education & Training	▪ Basic numeracy and literacy – Standard Grade or equivalent ▪ ESOL Level 3 Certificate or equivalent ▪ SVQ Level 2 in Social Care or equivalent **OR** ▪ A willingness to obtain the above qualification within 1 year.	▪ Training relevant to the post e.g., Moving and Handling, Adult Support and Protection.
Experience	▪ No experience is essential.	▪ Experience in providing support and/or physical care to service users in a social care, health care, education setting or similar.
Job Specific Skills	▪ Understanding the needs of adults at risk ▪ Understand the need for confidentiality ▪ The ability to record activities and write a short report. ▪ Good communication skills ▪ Ability to work as a member of a team.	
Qualities	▪ Ability to work with others in a positive and helpful manner. ▪ Enthusiastic and motivated ▪ Willing to undertake new experiences and learning ▪ Personal confidence to support individuals to participate in a range of activities.	
Health & Safety	▪ Employees shall work in accordance with policies,	

	procedures, information, instructions, and / or training received.	

Benefits of Working for Scottish Borders Council:
• Living Wage Employer • The opportunity to learn on the job whilst achieving qualifications • Qualify for a Blue Light Card and SBC Benefits • The opportunity to provide rewarding work • Paid training and PVG

This profile is indicative of the nature and level of responsibility associated with the post. It is not exhaustive, and the post holder may be required to undertake such other duties as may be required by the Workforce Planning & Development Manager to meet the needs and responsibilities of the Service and the Council.

Equality – Ensure that all work and outputs comply with and promotes equal opportunities and diversity.

Supervisory or Managerial posts only - Ensure that HR systems are in place for reporting management information and making recommendations for any corrective action necessary.

Equal Opportunities - Scottish Borders Council is committed to improving the diversity of its workforce to better reflect the communities we serve. We welcome applications from all minority groups and individuals who identify with one or more of the protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010. In particular from candidates who assess themselves as having a disability, under the Disability Confident Employer scheme this guarantees an interview to those individuals who meet the essential criteria of the post. All appointments will be made on merit.

Please note priority will be given to staff on the deployment/redeployment list who meet the essential criteria of the post.

Digital Innovation & Solution Focused Statement
Scottish Borders Council is committed to excellence and continuous improvement through the transformative power of digital solutions reinforcing our commitment to excellence, sustainability, enhancing our work practices and enriching our support to the community. As digital innovation evolves, our organisation is dedicated to integrating these advancements in a manner that aligns with our core values and strategic objectives.
All roles across the Council will actively seek and implement the latest digital solutions and technologies that can improve efficiency, productivity, and the quality of our services. Training will be provided, to ensure staff are proficient in utilising new technologies, fostering a culture of continuous learning and adaptability.

Please note that applicants who have received early retirement/voluntary severance from Scottish Borders Council will not be considered.

TEMPORARY POSTS
If at a later date a temporary post becomes permanent, it will be at the discretion of the Department's management team to confirm the post holder as permanent without readvertising.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT CHECKS

Essential

· Confirmation of Right to Work in the UK - **(All posts)**

· Level 2/PVG Registration Disclosure Check – (PVG/Disclosure posts only)

· References - (All posts)

· Confirmation of qualifications required to meet the essential criteria on the person specification - (All posts)

Right to Work in the UK

Under the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 – require original documentation confirming legal entitlement to live and work in the UK.

· A Passport/National Identity Card showing you are a British Citizen or an EEA or

· Swiss National or

· a **full** British Birth/Adoption Certificate along with an official document containing your name and permanent National Insurance number

· **or** a passport or travel document endorsed to show that you are allowed to stay in the UK indefinitely or for a limited period of time and are allowed to work is required.

Please note that a Short Birth Certificate and a Driving Licence are not sufficient to show your entitlement to work in the UK.

OTHER DETAILS

Disclosure/PVG Registration

Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exclusion and Exceptions) (Scotland) Order 2003 to the 1974 Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) Scottish Borders Council are entitled to ask "exempted questions" that require applicants for certain positions to reveal their full criminal history.

This means that all details of criminal convictions, whether they are spent or not, must be disclosed to help the recruiting manager assess the person's suitability for a position of trust.

Disclosure

These "excepted professions" are set out in the Exceptions Order and include:

· certain professions in areas such as health, pharmacy and the law;

· senior managers in banking and financial services;

PVG Registration

Certain posts are considered Regulated Roles with Vulnerable Children and/or Protected Adults, under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007. Preferred candidates will be required to join the PVG Scheme or undergo a PVG Scheme update check prior to a formal offer of employment being made by Scottish Borders Council.

Political Restrictions

Certain posts within Scottish Borders Council will be deemed Politically Restricted. If you are appointed to such a post the Local Government Officers' (Political Restrictions) Regulations 1990 provide that your terms and conditions of employment are deemed to incorporate additional provisions set out in the Schedule to the Regulations, a copy of which can be obtained from HR. Full details of restrictions will be provided in your application pack if you are applying for a Politically Restricted post.

** From 1 April 2026 a Scottish Local Government Living Wage Rate of £13.52 per hour has been agreed. All employees recruited on a salary/wage less than the SLGLW rate shall receive a payment additional to their salary/wage in order that they are paid at the rate of £13.52 per hour. The additional payment shall count as pensionable earnings and be subject to deduction of tax, national insurance and pension where appropriate.

Information for Applicants

Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme and Disclosure Scotland Checks

You have requested information on a position within the council that requires either a PVG or Disclosure check. The level of check required will be detailed on the Job Description.

In order to protect young and adult people at risk Scottish Borders Council is required to undertake checks for the following individuals:

- Employees: Current staff and candidates who have been recommended for specified types of posts i.e. posts working with vulnerable groups (children or protected adults).
- Other people: Volunteers working with vulnerable groups, Foster Parents, prospective adopters, Children's Hearing members, Host Parents, Elected Members who sit on certain committees.

Certain other specified positions also require checks to be undertaken.

Legislation makes it an offence for the council to offer employment or to continue to employ someone who has been found to be unsuitable to work with children or protected adults. Undertaking PVG Disclosure checks ensures that we comply with this legislation.

Under the terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Order 2003 Scottish Borders Council are entitled to ask "exempted questions" that require applicants to reveal their full criminal history.

An "exempted question" is a question which employers are not normally allowed to ask in relation to a person's criminal conviction history. Under the terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 offenders become rehabilitated after varying periods of time and their conviction(s) deemed "spent", depending on the sentence imposed and whether they have re-offended. The Act provides that a spent conviction need not normally be disclosed by the individual, except in situations where information about spent convictions needs to be available. There are a number of positions with the Council where both spent and unspent convictions must be disclosed e.g. positions involving contact with children and/or adults at risk.

Under the PVG Scheme:
When a person applies to join the PVG Scheme for the first time there are two types of disclosure record available:

- the **Scheme Record (and subsequently a Scheme Record Update)** at the request of an organisation.
- the **Scheme Membership Statement** at the request of a **personal employer** or by the individual alone in anticipation of doing regulated work in the future;

The Scheme Record states the type of work the person is registered for, whether work with children, protected adults or both and whether they are under consideration of being barred. It also contains details of all convictions on record, whether spent or unspent, and other relevant non-conviction information held by Disclosure Scotland.

A Scheme Record Update states the type of work the person is registered for, and whether they are under consideration of being barred. It also confirms the date of issue of the last Scheme Record, whether or not any further information is recorded on that Scheme Record and whether or not any further information has subsequently been recorded.

Depending on the contents of the Update it may be necessary to obtain a Scheme Record.

A Scheme Membership Statement simply states the type of work the person is registered for, and whether they are under consideration of being barred.

Under the Police Act:
Level 2 disclosures are available for certain purposes including those involved in the administration of the law, and senior managers in banking and financial services. A Level 2 Disclosure will contain details of all convictions on record, whether spent or unspent. This means that even minor convictions, no matter when they occurred, will be included on the Disclosure.

Level 1 disclosures are also available, however this can be obtained only by an individual rather than an organisation, as long as they apply in the appropriate manner and pay the relevant fee. Level 1 Disclosures include all convictions considered to be unspent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act or state that there are no such convictions.