Recruitment Profile

Post number	13569
Position title	Social Worker
Grade	9A
Department	People
Location	Council HQ
Salary/Rate of Pay	£27091.91 -£29260.01 per annum
Hours of work	21
Weeks per year	52.1428
Number of staff responsible for	0
Reports to post number	Senior Social Worker
Registration requirements	SSSC Registration essential
Drivers Licence required	A current driving licence and use of a vehicle is an essential requirement of this post. * If you have a disability which precludes you from holding a drivers licence, Scottish Borders Council will take into account its responsibility to make reasonable adjustments to allow for your disability. Should it be possible to make such an adjustment in order that you can undertake the travel responsibilities of the post, this will be taken into account in consideration for this role. Category B
Contract status	Permanent
Contract end date	
Reason for temporary vacancy	
Disclosure status	PVG Children & Protected Adults
Political restrictions	No
Role profile number	SC 7A
Business World post status	Permanent
Work pattern	Negotiable - 3 days per week to be agreed upon job offer
Vacancy number	SBO10533
Closing date	24/11/2026

Role purpose
To work as part of a specialist team charged with the task of delivery a high quality service to substitute carers (foster carers, and prospective adopters) and to ensure the availability and maintenance of high quality family placement resources to meet the varying needs of children, young people and adults within the Scottish Borders. The team's work is set within a framework of ensuring good standards .

Person specification		
Criteria	**Essential**	**Desirable**
Education, qualifications and training	Approved qualifications in Social Work e.g. Degree/Dip SW/CQSW/CSS. Registration with Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). A current driving licence and use of a vehicle is an essential requirement of this post. * If you have a disability	Any approved post-qualifying courses in Child Care and Child Protection. Page: Skills, knowledge and competencies

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Skills, knowledge and competences	Knowledge of Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Children (Scotland) Act 1995, relevant fostering and adoption legislation and other relevant legislation Awareness of the strategic direction of recent Scottish Executive initiatives in Social Work The applicant should be a good communicator, have good written skills and have experience of contributing to and assisting with the development of new services. An ability to communicate effectively with colleagues, other professionals and members of the public An ability to present clear written reports and assessment information Knowledge of the developmental needs of children and the impact of poor parenting, abuse and neglect Clear organizational skills and ability to prioritise work.	N/A
Experience	Experience of undertaking statutory social work assessment, planning and review with children, young people and families. Experience of working effectively with children and families where there are complex needs, risk and safeguarding concerns. Experience of multi-agency working, including contributing to meetings, plans and decision-making for children. Experience of producing high-quality assessments, reports and case recording, with evidence of sound	Experience within fostering, adoption, kinship care, permanence or another family placement setting. Experience of assessing, supervising or supporting foster carers, kinship carers or prospective adopters. Experience of permanence planning, matching and supporting children through transitions and placement changes. Experience of contributing to or presenting reports to fostering, adoption or permanence panels. Experience of supporting carer development, learning and reflective

	professional analysis and judgement. Experience of developing positive, purposeful relationships with children, families and carers, including managing challenge and sensitive situations.	practice, including responding to placement difficulties.
Other	A current driving licence and use of a vehicle is an essential requirement of this post. * If you have a disability which precludes you from holding a drivers licence, Scottish Borders Council will take into account its responsibility to make reasonable adjustments to allow for your disability. Should it be possible to make such an adjustment in order that you can undertake the travel responsibilities of the post, this will be taken into account in consideration for this role	

Driving Licence - Where it is an essential requirement for this post to hold a current driving licence. Note: If you have a disability which precludes you from holding a drivers licence, Scottish Borders Council will take into account its responsibility to make reasonable adjustments to allow for your disability. Should it be possible to make such an adjustment in order that you can undertake the travel responsibilities of the post, this will be taken into account in consideration for this role.

HEALTH & SAFETY STATEMENTS

Must take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves, other employees and anyone else who may be affected by their work activities carried out. Employees shall work in accordance with policies, procedures, information, instructions, and / or training received.

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.

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

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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 1/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 - To ensure that you are eligible to work in the UK, we will require the following documentation:

- A Passport showing you are a British/Irish Citizen.

  OR

- A British Birth/Adoption Certificate along with an official document containing your name and permanent National Insurance number

For all other nationalities

- Settled status code

  OR

- Immigration status document, for further information visit Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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 Work 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.

PVG/Disclosure Process
After the application is processed you will receive an email with a secure link to view the disclosure. You must share this with us to progress the recruitment process.

Teacher Posts in Catholic Schools
Certain posts are in a denominational school therefore candidates must seek Catholic Church approval when submitting their application for these posts. You should apply for RC Church approval at the same time as submitting your application form. Guidance and the relevant forms can be obtained at www.sces.uk.com/approval.html.

Political Restrictions

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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.