

Job Description



Job Title:	Research Associate
School/Service:	Social Work, Care and Community
Grade:	G
Responsible to:	Professor Stanley
Responsible for:	Research duties on Evaluation of Speak Out. Stay Safe Programme
Job Purpose: This research associate will be appointed for 28 months to work with a team of researchers from 5 universities headed by Professor Nicky Stanley undertaking the national evaluation of the NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe programme for primary school children across the UK.	
Main Duties and Responsibilities: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To contribute to the design of research tools.2. To work on the recruitment and matching of schools.3. To work on own and within the Evaluation team to undertake quantitative and qualitative data collection.4. To undertake quantitative and qualitative data analysis and contribute to synthesis and writing up results.5. To update literature searches as required.6. To maintain communication and contact with other research team members and with research sites.7. To assist with secure data storage and maintain and update project records.8. To contribute to a range of dissemination activities including producing REF returnable articles for peer reviewed publications.9. To ensure that research is conducted ethically and complies with relevant research governance procedures.10. To undertake other duties appropriate to the post as agreed by Professor Stanley.	

Signed:		Date:	
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Person Specification

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Attributes	Essential	Desirable	Measured By
Work Experience	Previous research experience in field of interpersonal violence and/or child abuse.	Previous research experience of evaluating prevention programmes for children.	Application and Interview
	Experience of research in school settings	Experience of research in primary schools	Application and Interview
	Experience of interviewing children under 11.	Experience of interviewing children under 11 on sensitive issues	Application and Interview
	Experience of face-to-face interviewing, survey design and administration and data analysis.	Experience of working on externally funded research.	Application and Interview
Education/Qualifications	Postgraduate degree in social work, education or related field of studies	PhD in social work, education or related field of studies	Application
Skills/Abilities	Skills in both qualitative and quantitative research	Experience of quantitative analysis for large-scale evaluations.	Application and interview
	Presentation skills Communication skills Excellent writing skills Planning and organisational skills IT skills	Proven ability to write for publication Ability to use range of research software for data sorting and storage.	Application
	Ability to travel		Interview
Other	Ability to work cooperatively within a team Flexibility and responsiveness		Application and Interview
	Ability to work under own initiative		Application and Interview

	Understanding of importance of safety and confidentiality in research on interpersonal violence		Application and Interview
	An understanding of and demonstrable commitment to the University's Values of Common Sense, Compassion, Teamwork, Attention to Detail, and Trust as a framework for decisions, actions and behaviours		Application and Interview