



Spring

Housing
Association

Young Persons Support Worker

Applicant Information Pack

12-month temporary contract

Spring Housing Association is dedicated to safeguarding all of our customers, and expects staff, volunteers and contractors to share this commitment. Applicants must be able to undertake a DBS check and provide a satisfactory certificate if required.



MISSION STATEMENT

“To create long term prosperity by investing to prevent homelessness, poverty and social isolation and to inspire and unlock people’s potential.”

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To provide high quality accommodation for people in housing need
- To prevent and reduce Homelessness.
- To assist people on a journey away from housing need towards a future of stability, happiness and independence.

OUR VALUES

- ✓ Positivity and Giving Opportunities
- ✓ Creating Quality Homes and Happy Lives
- ✓ Building Memories and Focussing on Futures
- ✓ Proudly Supporting Each Other

THIS IS US!



About Us:

Spring Housing Association formed 5 years ago in 2014 and became a registered charity in August 2015.

We are a charity working with people in need of accommodation and tenancy related support across the West Midlands. We work in conjunction with the private sector and housing associations to provide general needs and specialist services to:

- Care leavers
- People who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Refugees

We deliver a range of person-centred services to support individuals to *obtain*, *maintain* and *sustain* accommodation long term. We have over 650 units of accommodation across 15 local authorities.

We currently employ over 70 staff and operate throughout Birmingham, Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Staffordshire. We really value our staff team – they are the reason Spring provides excellent services. Our staff embrace and live our values on a day to day basis.

We provide *exempt* accommodation housing and support solutions across 6 geographical regions and 15 local authorities.

Our main area of work is:

- ✓ Accommodating and supporting people who are homeless: we provide intensive housing management support to support people to move on to more permanent accommodation.
- ✓ Providing accommodation and support to refugees largely under the government Syrian Vulnerable People Resettlement Programme.
- ✓ Accommodation and support for 16-17-year-old care leavers and asylum-seeking unaccompanied children and a housing/support service for 18-25-year olds.
- ✓ Advocacy and development in the homelessness sector with a focus on improving standards in the PRS and supported accommodation sector.

Staff say:

“Spring goes above and beyond; doing what needs to be done to help an individual”

“Flexible working/ find ways to make it work rather than saying ‘no’”

“Creating homes, not just housing”

Staff Roadshow – Creating Spring Values 2018

Customers Say:

“Spring is very good. Good housing and takes care of people”

“the staff here are very polite sincere and helpful”

“I would recommend spring to anyone”

Customer Survey 2018

Benefits of Working with Spring:

- ✓ Flexible working hours including part time hours, evenings and weekends
- ✓ 30 days per annum including bank holidays
- ✓ 1 day's paid leave (pro rata) on your birthday
- ✓ Contributory pension scheme
- ✓ Health4All – Cash Plan. Individual cover provided after 6 months service with the option to upgrade
- ✓ Bike to work scheme - lease a new bike and spread the cost over/up to twelve months interest free payments
- ✓ Employee assistance programme – free confidential advice and counselling
- ✓ A commitment to staff training and development.

Thank you from Dominic Bradley.

Dear Applicant,

I would like to thank you for your interest in working with Spring Housing.

I'm really excited by the direction Spring is taking as an organisation. We started in 2014 to get back to the original ethos of why housing associations were initially established, we saw that the housing crisis was getting worse and that homelessness continued to be a major issue across the Midlands and we wanted to use our relationships with private sector landlords to bring private houses into social use for social purpose.

We believe we are still living to our original purposes and making a real difference to our customers lives.

We have only been able to do this through the dedication and commitment of our staff. They have been fundamental in the lives of our customers and the success of our services to date.

I'm sure, if you are successful that you will see what makes Spring different!

We are a relatively new organisation with a "can-do" attitude, and diverse in our services and people. It's a really exciting place to work and you will be joining and contributing to an organisation with a real passion to make a long-term difference to the lives of our customers.

If you are successful in your application, we will assist you to settle into your new role and team as quickly as possible.

I hope that you find this information useful and informative during the application process. If you require further information, please email recruitment@springhousing.org.uk or visit our website

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Bradley
Managing Director

Job Advert: Young Persons Support Worker

Do you have experience of working with young people? Are you seeking a new challenge or the next step in your career? If so, we are looking to recruit motivated and experienced Young Persons Support Worker to join our growing charity.

You will be responsible for supporting customers to actively live healthy, happy independent lives within communities through early targeted prevention, personalised support and partnership working.

The focus will be on support to build resilience, improve wellbeing and move towards independence.

You will provide support to people with a variety of needs, including offending behaviour, mental health issues, substance misuse, issues around family breakdown, neighbourhood disputes, behavioural problems, anti-social behaviour.

The ideal candidates must have a proven track record and understanding of working with and delivering outstanding services to vulnerable people. You will need to have excellent written and verbal communication skills and the ability to manage and prioritise your workload according to the changing needs and demands of the service.

To be successful, you will have:

- ✓ An understanding of working in supported services with proven knowledge of supporting customers, housing, welfare system and other related legislation
- ✓ Ability to deliver high quality, structured and time limited interventions that have a lasting impact on customers lives
- ✓ Experience of managing complex and difficult situations in relation to vulnerable client groups
- ✓ Ability to effectively liaise with a range of service providers or agencies to establish or improve services for customers
- ✓ An understanding of delivering high quality customer focused customer led services
- ✓ Ability to be self motivating, work under pressure and manage time effectively
- ✓ Ability to work flexibly, including working evenings and weekends to meet the needs of customers
- ✓ NVQ level 3 qualification in Health and Social Care or relevant qualification (or working towards)
- ✓ Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- ✓ Enhanced DBS check required

We have a Candidate Privacy Policy which is in line with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) effective from 25 May 2018. The updated Privacy Policy has been designed to make our data processing activities as transparent as possible. We encourage you to take a look at the updated documents, and if you have any questions please contact us or visit <https://springhousing.org.uk/about-us/our-privacy-notice/>

As part of our commitment to making Spring a great place to work, we offer a comprehensive reward and benefits package.

*** Spring Housing Association takes safeguarding of vulnerable people seriously - all applicants will be subject to Safer Recruitment Checks***

For further information on how to apply:

Please send your CV via the indeed portal. If you are invited to an interview you will also need to complete an application form. For further information please email us at recruitment@springhousing.org.uk

Job Type: Full-time – 37.5 hours

Salary: £18,500

12-month temporary contract

Job Description and Person Specification

Section 1 - Role

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| Post: | Young Persons Support Worker |
| Reporting to: | Service Manager |
| Directive: | Support Services |
| Grade/Salary: | £18,500 |
| Car user: | 40.00p per mile. |

Section 2 - Key Tasks and Responsibilities

OVERALL JOB PURPOSE

1. To provide appropriate high quality support to young people with various needs. To help them develop their skills, confidence and to enable them to make positive informed decisions about their lives and make a successful transition to adulthood.

Section 3 – Duties

1. To assist young people to improve their life and independent living skills, ensuring targets are agreed as part of their pathway plan.
2. To participate in, and undertake needs and risk assessments, support/care planning, review meetings and assessments and ensure that plans are followed.
3. Be aware of each customer, their abilities, aspirations, goals and desired outcomes.
4. To be available for regular support sessions and to promote and facilitate the participation of the young person in their own support.
5. To support and encourage young people to engage with learning skills and work.
6. To support the young person to access welfare benefits available to them and empower them to make informed choices and claim their rights.
7. To support and encourage young people to develop positive family and other support networks.
8. To support the young person in maintaining their environment and tenancy agreement by providing ongoing support and guidance.
9. Work in partnership with other statutory agencies, community groups as well as specialist third party services to provide specialist support for the young person depending on their individual needs.
10. Take responsibility for safeguarding and health and wellbeing concerns for the young people and to report concerns to the Service Manager.
11. To ensure an effective transition and resettlement plan is undertaken for young people leaving or moving on from the service.
12. To respond to crisis situations as required and be available for emergency cover within your own project and contribute to the overall running of the project.
13. To be responsible for the health, safety and welfare of yourself, customers and others at work and undertake health and safety duties as required.
14. Work shifts on a rota basis; this will include weekends and evenings.

15. Promote and uphold all Spring Housing Association Policies and to conduct yourself and represent Spring in a professional manner at all times.
16. To participate in team meetings, supervisions and other review meetings and demonstrate a commitment to your learning and professional development.

This job description covers the current range of duties and will be reviewed from time to time. It is Spring Housing aim to reach agreement on changes, but if agreement is not possible, Spring Housing reserves the right to change this job description.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

| | Essential | Desirable |
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| Education and Qualifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good standard of education (Maths and English GCSE or equivalent) or equivalent experience gained in a work related environment • NVQ Level 3 in Health and Social Care or equivalent | ✓ | ✓ |
| Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with young people • Experience of working within policies, procedure frameworks • Ability to work with different customers, demonstrating awareness of different cultures and religious beliefs • Ability to deal with challenging situations calmly and effectively ensuring risks are reduced • Experience of supervising volunteers and trainees | ✓ ✓ ✓ | ✓ ✓ |
| Knowledge and Understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of welfare rights, resources etc • Knowledge and understanding of external partner agencies • Good understanding of IT systems including word, excel, email • Understanding of the effects of homelessness has on individuals • Understanding of the need for and observe confidentiality at all times • Understanding of health and safety and risk management | ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ | |
| Abilities and Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to understand the difference between friendship and support | ✓ | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to carry out basic calculations to help with budgeting • Able to maintain accurate records, both electronic and written • Able to design and implement programmes to improve life and social skills • Ability to work on own initiative • Ability to work as an integral member of the team • Good organisational skills and an ability to prioritise and manage work to deadlines • Ability to change and adapt to demands in a fast moving environment • Effective interpersonal and communication skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ | |
| <p>Behaviours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive to customer needs with a strong commitment to delivering high quality service • A positive approach to work • Commitment to operating within Spring's organisational values and promoting the organisation with other organisations and agencies • Promotion of equality of opportunity for vulnerable people • Recognise and value all aspects of diversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ | |
| <p>Additional Job Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full driving licence and access to a vehicle • Able to work at weekends and evenings if required • DBS Check | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ | |