

**JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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| Job Title: | Contact Centre Advisor |
| HBC Grade: | **HBC5** |
| Service: | **Contact Centre** |
| Division: | **ICT & Administrative Support Services** |

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| **Main Purpose of the Role**  |
| 1. Work within Halton Direct Link Contact Centre as a Contact Centre Advisor delivering a comprehensive range of Council Services using a range of different computer systems.
2. Ensure that customers are able to access the full range of Council's Services and where necessary act as an advocate on the customer behalf.
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| **Key Duties**  |
| **1** | Deliver a comprehensive range of Council Services using the Halton Direct Link (HDL) Customer Service delivery System and various other Computer Systems, in accordance with relevant legislation, Council policies and procedures.  |
| **2** | To make and receive calls on the Telehealthcare Emergency Control Centre assessing the nature of the call and taking the appropriate response based on agreed protocols.  |
| **3** | Provide information and advice to customers in the most appropriate format to meet their needs. |
| **4** | To use the Council’s telephone payment system in accordance with procedure to accept payment for Council services, ensuring that all payments taken are accounted for and balanced. |
| **5** | Undertake administrative tasks and make telephone calls as required to progress enquiries from customers, ensuring the efficient functioning of the Contact Centre. |
| **6** | Act on behalf of customers to ensure that customer requests are progressed and that service delivery standards are met.  |
| **7** | Actively promote the Council and the Services available by informing customers of other services that may be relevant or of interest to them and signpost accordingly. |
| **8** | Assist in ensuring that information provided to HDL by Directorates for use in the delivery of services is updated as necessary. |
| **9** | To assist team leaders with training of new advisors allowing them to shadow and provide assistance and support where required. |
| **10** | Undertake any other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time, which are commensurate with the grade of the job. |

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|  | **Education**  | **Experience**  | **Knowledge**  | **Skills & Abilities**  |
| **ESSENTIAL** | Minimum of 3 GCSE’s, A-C Grade (or equivalent). This equivalent may be other qualifications which equate to the GCSE’s or 2 or more years work experience service in a similar working environment i.e. within a contact centre. | Candidates must have experience of working as a customer service advisor in:* 1. Dealing with the general public
	2. Experience in delivery of core services using application software
 | Must have a knowledge and understanding of Council services | Ability to deal with difficult or emergency situations in a calm and effective manner |
|  | Candidates must be computer literate |  | Ability to communicate with professionals/customers from various backgrounds and adapt your language and communication skills accordingly |
|  |  |  | Good Timekeeping |
|  |  |  | Ability to work as part of a team |
|  |  |  | Good literacy and numeracy skills |
| **DESIRABLE** | To include English & Maths | Experience of core Council Services for example council tax, benefits, social services, education, waste management etc | Knowledge of at least one core council service e.g. council tax, Benefits, social services, education, waste management etc  | To have an open minded attitude to change |
|  | Experience of Office procedures |  |  |
|  | Ability to use Microsoft applications such as Outlook, Word and Excel  |  |  |
| **HOW IDENTIFIED**  | Application and Production of qualifications at interview  | Application / Interview / Assessment  | Application /Interview / Assessment  | Application / Interview /Assessment |

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|  | **Other requirements of the post**  |
| **ESSENTIAL** | Ability to communicate in an appropriate and sensitive manner, sometimes within a hostile environment. |
| Hours of Work:* Full Time Advisors will be required to work 37 hours per week on a rota
* Part Time Advisors will be required to work 20 hours per week on a rota
* Job Share Advisors will be required to work 18.5 hours per week on a rota

Able to work shifts between the hours of 7.45am and 6.15pm Monday to Friday on a rota basis |
| **DESIREABLE** |  |
| **HOW IDENTIFIED** | Interview / Assessment / Production of documentation  |

Please note: Front line posts with direct customer contact should include a statement detailing the spoken English language requirements of the post.

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| **Date Created:** |  |
| **Agreed by:** |  |

This job description is not intended to be either prescriptive or exhaustive; it is issued as a framework to outline the main areas of responsibility.