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Job Profile comprising Job Description and Person Specification

Job Description

Provisional Job Title: Leisure Assistant (POP)	Grade: Scale 2
Section: Culture/Sports	Directorate: Contracts & Leisure
Responsible to: Duty Manager (POP)	Responsible for:
Post Number/s:	Date: April 2016

Working for the Richmond/ Wandsworth Shared Staffing Arrangement

This role is employed under the Shared Staffing Arrangement between Richmond and Wandsworth Borough Councils. The overall purpose of the Shared Staffing Arrangement is to provide the highest quality of service at the lowest attainable cost.

Staff are expected to deliver high quality and responsive services wherever they are based, as well as having the ability to adapt to sometimes differing processes and expectations.

The Shared Staffing Arrangement aims to be at the forefront of innovation in local government and the organisation will invest in your development and ensure the opportunities for progression that only a large organisation can provide.

Job Purpose:

To provide a high quality service and a safe environment to all our customers. This post will have particular responsibility for the health and safety of users and the cleanliness of the centre for all its visitors.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensure that all health and safety duties are carried out in accordance with NOP/EAP procedures and follow procedures in the staff information file and assist with water chemical tests in all pools.
- Carry out lifeguard duties overseeing the general safety and behaviour of the public to prevent injury, drowning, misuse and damage to facilities.



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- Undertake a range of duties in wet, dry and other areas which will include; control and cleaning of facilities (changing rooms, showers and toilets); and assembly and dismantling of equipment (such as lane ropes and diving blocks).
- Issue/collection of receipts, stores, goods, e.g. first aid equipment, receipts on poolside and cleaning materials including undertaking stock checks as and when required.
- To assist the Duty Manager in opening and closing of the facility and preparing the pools for use.
- To carry out the responsibilities of the post having regard to the Council's policies and procedures as well as additional guidelines as laid out in the Centre's Staff Information file.

Generic Duties and Responsibilities

- To contribute to the continuous improvement of the Borough's of Wandsworth and Richmond services.
- To comply with relevant Codes of Practice, including the Code of Conduct, and policies concerning data protection and health and safety.
- To promote equality, diversity, and inclusion, maintaining an awareness of the equality and diversity protocol/policy and work to create and maintain a safe, supportive and welcoming environment where all people are treated with dignity and their identity and culture are valued and respected.
- To understand the both Council's duties and responsibilities for safeguarding children, young people and adults as they apply to your role within the council.
- The Shared Staffing Arrangement will keep its structures under continual review and as a result the post holder should expect to carry out any other reasonable duties within the overall function, commensurate with the level of the post.

Additional Information

The Sport & Fitness Service sits within the Contracts & Leisure Department. Its primary objective is to develop opportunities and provision for participation in sport and physical activity for all sections of the community. The team is responsible for the management of 4 dual-use Sports and Fitness Centres, Teddington Pools & Fitness Centre and Pools on the Park in Richmond, as well as a centrally based Sports Development Team.

The Council is continually reviewing its structures and ways of working in order to provide the best services possible for residents, in the most efficient way. As a result the key tasks in any job may be varied and the post holder will be expected to take on such variations consistent with the level of responsibility of the post.

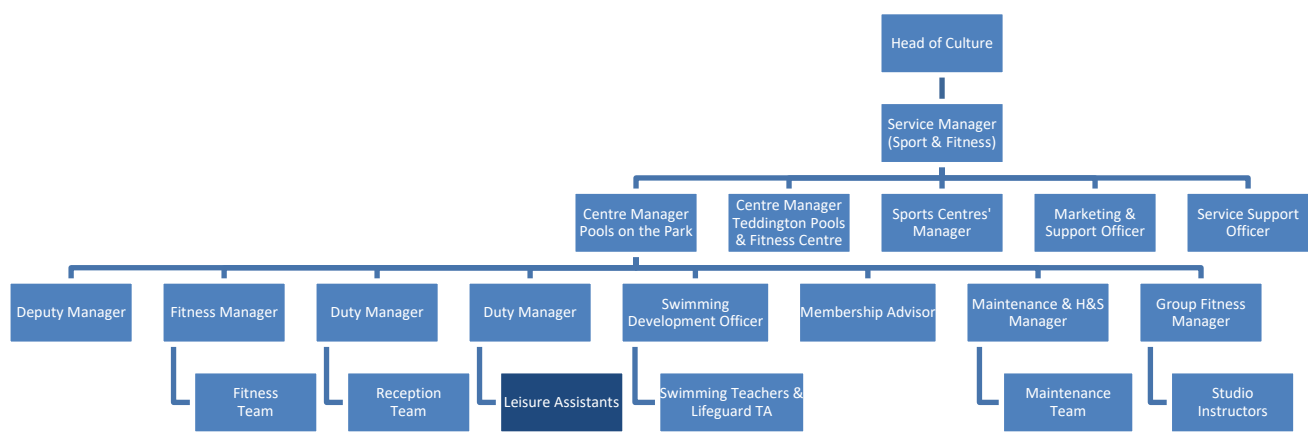
The service is firmly committed to creating a safe and enjoyable environment for all young people, children and vulnerable adults. Our safeguarding responsibilities include safe recruitment practices which include the vetting of all individuals who work with these groups.



Background checks including checks with the Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) will be carried out in accordance with DBS guidelines.

The postholder will work a flexible shift rota, which will include unsociable hours (some evenings and weekends). The postholder may also be asked to work at any of the Borough’s Sport & Fitness Centres.

Current team structure





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Our Values and Behaviours

The values and behaviours we seek from our staff draw on the high standards of the two boroughs, and we prize these qualities in particular:

Being open. This means we share our views openly, honestly and in a thoughtful way. We encourage new ideas and ways of doing things. We appreciate and listen to feedback from each other.

Being supportive. This means we drive the success of the organisation by making sure that our colleagues are successful. We encourage others and take account of the challenges they face. We help each other to do our jobs.

Being positive. Being positive and helpful means we keep our goals in mind and look for ways to achieve them. We listen constructively and help others see opportunities and the way forward. We have a 'can do' attitude and are continuously looking for ways to help each other improve.

Post Specific Values & Behaviours

- I treat customers the way they would want to be treated, being fair and with respect and I value differences.
- Understanding the importance of prevention, if I spot something going wrong I do something about it (even if it isn't my job).
- I do what I say I will do, when I've promised to do it, or let people know why not.
- I look for examples of good practice in the Council and outside to improve the way I do my job.

Requirements	Assessed by A & I/ T/ C
Knowledge & Experience	
Some experience of working as a Lifeguard and knowledge of correct practices.	A/I
Knowledge of the importance of Health and Safety procedures in relation to lifeguarding a pool and other duties listed in the job profile.	A/I
Skills	
Ability to demonstrate an understanding of why Diversity & Equality is important in employment and sports / leisure service delivery.	A



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Ability to demonstrate an understanding of why Customer Care is important in employment and customer service.	A/I
Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with a wide range of people, for the purposes of providing advice/guidance, as well as information and assistance on services offered and the operation of equipment.	A/I/T
Ability to undertake cleaning duties, pool water tests and maintenance duties in accordance with set procedures.	A/I
Qualifications	
A National Pool Lifeguard qualification (essential for this role).	A
First Aid qualification.	A