**Job Description and Person specification**

**Knowledge & Qualifications**

• Registered & qualified Play Specialist

•Relevant professional therapy qualifications and accreditations with therapy bodies.

• Knowledge of and ability to analyse professional and ethical issues, including professional boundaries and safeguarding children policies and practice

• NNEB/ NVQ Level 3 or equivalent training involving normal child care and development

**Experience**

• Post qualifying and recent, comprehensive experience of working with children and/or young people at a PRU or in a SEMH setting.

• Experience of effective working as a team member alongside teachers, support staff and Health clinicians.

•Experience of working with children and/or young people with special needs including those with challenging behaviours

**Skills & Abilities**

• Theoretical understanding of and ability to manage & apply therapeutic play interventions for children and young people with SEMH needs.

• Able to communicate complex information effectively with patients, families and staff, in written, verbal and nonverbal forms

• Ability to work independently, manage own workload and determine priorities under pressure

• Able to demonstrate awareness of health and safety issues and risk management to health play and recreation services

• Ability to work as an individual as well as within a team, effectively and efficiently

• Basic competency using Word and Excel