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| **Application for Employment (DBS Post)**  **Jobs working with Children and Vulnerable Adults** |  |

**Bedford Borough Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and/or vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

Please read the information and guidance given on this form carefully. Your application will be rejected if it is not completed correctly. Please complete in block capitals and black ink if completing a paper copy of the application form

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| SECTION A | **Job Details** | | | | | | |
| Job applied for: | | | **Experienced Social Worker (Grade 11) Children’s Services** | | | | |
| **Please detail the team/s you would like to work in (subject to current vacancies):** | | | | | | | |
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| How did you find out about the ‘Apply Anytime’ scheme | | |  | | | | |
| SECTION B | **Personal Information** | | | | | | |
| Surname: | | |  | | | | |
| First Name: | | |  | | | | |
| Title: (e.g.Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr) | | |  | | | | |
| Address (including post code): | | |  | | | | |
| **How may we contact you quickly:** | | | **Daytime** | | | **Evening** | |
| **Telephone Number:** | | |  | | |  | |
| **Mobile Number:** | | |  | | |  | |
| **Email Address: Please note, this will be used to contact you during the recruitment process.** | | |  | | | | |
| SECTION C | **Current or most recent Employment/Voluntary Work** | | | | | | |
| Name and address of organisation: | | | **Job held:** | | | **Current Salary/Pay Rate:** | |
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| **Date of appointment:** | | | **Length of notice:** | |
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| **Brief summary of duties and responsibilities** (List any duties you consider to be of relevance to the post you are applying for. Provide details of any other jobs (paid or unpaid) that you intend to continue doing (Working Time Regulations require us to monitor the hours you work each week, including those you work in other organisations): | | | | | | | |
| **Are you currently in employment?  Yes  No** | | | **If no, please state the date when last employment ended and the reason:** | |  | | |
| SECTION D | **Educational and Professional/Specialist Qualifications** | | | | | | |
| **Please list details relevant to this post, in chronological order. If short listed, you will be required to bring proof of these qualifications to interview.** (Please use an additional sheet if necessary) | | | | | | | |
| **Name and address of School,**  **College or University attended:** | | **Qualifications: (for example NVQ, GCSE, A level, Degree)** | | **Grade/Result received:** | | | **Date of qualification:** |
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| SECTION E | **Training relevant to this post.** (Please use an additional sheet if necessary) | | | |
| **Name of Organisation:** | | **Name of specialist training courses:** | **Result received:** | **Date of training:** |
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| SECTION F | **Employment History** | | | | |
| **Please give details of your full employment history in date order starting with the most recent.**  **You must list all employment, career breaks, and periods of unemployment, education and voluntary work since leaving secondary education; without any gaps.** (Please use additional sheets if necessary) | | | | | |
| **Organisation’s name and address:** | | **Employment dates to nearest month** | | **Your role:** | **Reason for leaving:** |
| **From:** | **To:** |
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| **Please give details and reasons of any gaps in work history:** | | | | | |

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| SECTION G | **References** | | | | | |
| Please give the names of two referees who can provide professional or educational references.   * The first must be from your present or last employer/voluntary organisation. If you cannot give an employer, please provide the name of someone who can provide an educational reference. * The second should be a previous employer. If you cannot provide a previous employer, please give either an educational referee or the name of someone who has known you for 3 years who can provide a character reference. * If neither of the two referees given have known you for a period of 3 years or more, please provide an additional referee. This could be a further previous employer, an educational referee, or someone who has known you for 3 years who can provide a character reference.   The person you name must hold a managerial or personnel position in that organisation and have access to your records. Please ensure that you inform any educational/character referees that you have given their name, and confirm that they are happy to provide a reference.  The employment referees provided will be asked if you have any live disciplinary offences and also about any ‘time expired’ disciplinary offences where they relate to children. They will also be asked if you have been subject to any child protection or vulnerable adult protection concerns, and if so, the outcome of any enquiry or disciplinary procedure.  **Where you are not currently working with children or vulnerable adults but have done so in the past, you are required to nominate a referee from the organisation where you were most recently employed to work with children or vulnerable adults as one of your nominated referees. If you are recommended for appointment in these circumstances we will then seek to gain your current employer as a referee.** Failure to comply with these instructions may cause a delay in joining the Council.  **PLEASE NOTE THAT Bedford Borough Council reserves the right to ask you for permission to contact a referee from any organisation you have been associated with. This can be in addition to, or instead of, the names you supply. No referee you give should be related to you.** | | | | | | |
| **Referee from Present or Last Employer/Voluntary Organisation (see guidance above)** | | | | | | |
| **Referee Name:** | |  | **Job Title:** |  | | |
| Address (including postcode): | |  | | **Telephone Number:** | |  |
| **Length of time known:** | |  |
| **Email Address:** | |  | **Type of reference:** | | **Employer/Educational/**  **Character** (delete as appropriate) | |
| **Second Referee (This should be your previous employer – see guidance above)** | | | | | | |
| **Referee Name:** | |  | **Job Title:** |  | | |
| Address (including postcode): | |  | | **Telephone Number:** | |  |
| **Length of time known:** | |  |
| **Email Address:** | |  | **Type of reference:** | | **Employer/Educational/**  **Character** (delete as appropriate) | |
| **Additional Referee – Please provide an additional referee if neither of the two referees above have known you for a period of 3 years or more (see guidance above)** | | | | | | |
| **Referee Name:** | |  | **Job Title:** |  | | |
| Address (including postcode): | |  | | **Telephone Number:** | |  |
| **Length of time known:** | |  |
| **Email Address:** | |  | **Type of reference:** | | **Employer/Educational/**  **Character** (delete as appropriate) | |

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| SECTION H | **Selection Criteria** | |
| **This is a very important section. Please follow these instructions carefully. Failure on your part to do so will result in the rejection of your application.**  You must convince the shortlisting panel that you meet each of the selection criteria, ideally by giving practical examples, in order to have a chance of reaching the interview stage. The selection criteria can be found at the end of the job description. You may well find that you repeat information when saying how you meet the different criteria. This does not matter. It is important that you show how you meet each criterion separately, regardless of what you may have said elsewhere on the form. Please use extra sheets as necessary. **DO NOT ATTACH A CV. It will not be considered.**  **REMEMBER: Please address each criterion separately. If you do not do this your application form will be rejected.** | | |
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| **Please use additional sheets if necessary** | | |
| SECTION I | **Further Information** | |
| 1. Your job may require you to travel around the Borough. Would this present any difficulty for you?   If yes, please give details: | | **Yes  No** |
| 1. Do you now, or will you in future, require visa sponsorship to continue to work in the UK?   You will be required to provide evidence of your eligibility to work in the UK and any information given may be checked with the Home Office or the Immigration Service.  If yes, please give details of your current right to work status: | | **Yes  No** |
| 1. Are you, to best of your knowledge, related to **or** do you have a close relationship with any Employee, Member, or School Governor of Bedford Borough Council?   If yes, please give details: | | **Yes  No** |
| 1. Do you hold any other appointment within the Borough Council that would continue if you were appointed to this job?   If yes, please give details: | | **Yes  No** |
| 1. Are you subject to a sanction or have you been at any time barred from working with children or vulnerable adults by the DfES, HCPC or been placed on List 99,   POVA or PoCA?  If yes, please give details: | | **Yes  No** |
| 1. **Criminal Convictions**:   You are required to declare any spent or unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not "protected" as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013). The information you provide under this section will not be used for shortlisting purposes but will be discussed at interview if the Borough considers it is relevant to the position you are applying for.  Have you any spent or unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not 'protected' to declare?  If yes, please give details: | | **Yes  No** |

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| SECTION J | **Declaration** |
| I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given on this application form and supplied with it, is correct. I understand that any subsequent contract of employment with the Council will be made only on this basis and that if I falsify or deliberately omit any relevant information I could be dismissed.  **Signature:**      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **If you lobby Councillors or employees of the Borough Council, either directly or indirectly, in connection with your application you will be disqualified.** | |

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| **Data Protection Act 1998: Assurance of Fair Processing:** We will hold on computerised records the details you supply on this and related forms. This will allow us to provide pay, human resources and related services if we employ you. We may disclose these details to organisations or individuals with whom we consult regarding human resource related matters.  We will safeguard personal details and will not divulge them to any other individuals or organisations for any other purposes. |

**Please return your completed application form either**

**By post to: Recruitment Team, HR, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall,**

**Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP.**

**By email to:** [**Recruitment.Team@bedford.gov.uk**](mailto:Recruitment.Team@bedford.gov.uk)

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**Monitoring Equality and Diversity in Employment**

This section of the application form will be detached from your application from and will be used solely for monitoring purposes and for verification of identity; we will not make this information available to those involved in the selection process for the job you are applying for.

Bedford Borough Council recognises and actively promotes the benefits of a diverse workforce and is committed to treating all employees with dignity and respect. We have an Equal Opportunities Mission Statement and workforce equality objectives which aim to make sure that we treat everyone fairly.

To help us monitor our progress towards our equality objectives, please answer the questions below. In order for your application to be considered completion of Section A is required. Completion of Section B is at your discretion.

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| **SECTION A** |  | | |
| **Your full name:** | | **Title:** | **Date of Birth:** |
| **Gender: (please specify)** | | **National Insurance Number:** | |
| **Other names you have been known by:** | | | |

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| **SECTION B** | |  | | | | | | | | |
| **a) Ethnic Classification** Which of the following groups do you feel best describes your ethnic origin? | | | | | | | | | | |
| **White** | | | | | | **Asian/Asian British** | | | | |
| English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British | | | | | | Indian | | | | |
| Irish | | | | | | Pakistani | | | | |
| Gypsy or Irish Traveller | | | | | | Bangladeshi | | | | |
| Any other White background, please describe: | | | | | | Chinese | | | | |
| Any other Asian background, please describe: | | | | |
| **Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups** | | | | | |
| White and Black Caribbean | | | | | | **Black/African/Caribbean/Black British** | | | | |
| White and Black African | | | | | | African | | | | |
| White and Asian | | | | | | Caribbean | | | | |
| Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background, please describe: | | | | | | Any other Black/Caribbean background, please describe: | | | | |
| **Other ethnic group** | | | | | | Prefer not to say | | | | |
| Arab | | | | | |
| Any other ethnic group, please describe: | | | | | |
| **b) Disability** The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as ‘a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term negative effect on your ability to carry out day to day activities’. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do you consider yourself to have a disability under the Equality Act 2010? (If ‘yes’ please complete the Guaranteed Interview Scheme form) | | | | | | | Yes | | No | Prefer not to say |
| **c) Sexual Orientation:** Which of the following do you feel best describes your sexual orientation? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lesbian/Gay Woman | | | Gay Man | | Bisexual | | | Heterosexual | | Prefer not to say |
| **d) Religion/Faith/Belief:** Which of the following do you feel best describes your religion/faith/belief? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buddhist | Jewish | | | Hindu | | | Other (please describe) | | | |
| Muslim | Sikh | | | Christian (all denominations) | | | No Religion | | | Prefer not to say |
| **e) Gender Identity:** Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were assigned at birth? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | No | | | | Prefer not to say | | | | | |

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| f) | **Declaration** |
| I hereby give my consent to Bedford Borough Council to process the data supplied in this form for the purpose of equal opportunities monitoring in recruitment and selection, and if relevant, employment within the Council. I acknowledge that my application will be treated the same regardless of whether or not I complete this form. I understand that I may withdraw my consent to the processing of this data at any time by notifying the Data Protection Officer.  **Signature:**      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The Council treats personal data collected for reviewing equality of opportunity in recruitment, selection and, if relevant, employment within the Council in accordance with Data Protection Legislation and its Data Protection Policy. Information about how your data is used and the basis for processing is provided in the Council's [Applicant Privacy Notice](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/gdprprivacy) | |

# Disability confident employer

# Guaranteed Interview Scheme

As a Disability Confident Employer, Bedford Borough Council is committed to the employment and career development of disabled people.

To demonstrate our commitment we use the Disability Confident Employer Symbol which is awarded by the Employment Service. As a symbol user, we guarantee an interview to anyone with a disability whose application meets the minimum criteria for the post, and consider them on ability.

**What do we mean by disability?**

You’re disabled under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a ‘substantial’ and ‘long-term’ negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

**What 'substantial' and 'long term' mean**

* ‘substantial’ is more than minor or trivial - eg it takes much longer than it usually would to complete a daily task like getting dressed
* ‘long-term’ means 12 months or more - eg a breathing condition that develops as a result of a lung infection

**How do I apply?**

Simply complete this section, and read the declaration below and sign.

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| **Please give details of your disability:** |
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| **Are there any arrangements that may be required to be made should you be invited for interview?** |
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We will try to provide access, equipment or other practical support to ensure that people with disabilities can compete on equal terms with non-disabled people.

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| **Declaration:**  I consider myself to have a disability as defined above and I would like to apply under the Guaranteed Interview Scheme.  **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Any false declaration of disability to obtain an interview will invalidate any contract of employment.**

All information provided will be dealt with in accordance with Data Protection Legislation and the Council’s Data Protection Policy on processing special categories of personal data. Information about how your data is used and the basis for processing is provided in the Council's [Applicant Privacy Notice](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/gdprprivacy).