



Job Advert

JOB TITLE:	Restore Practitioner
CLOSING DATE:	9am Friday 13 th October 2023
START DATE:	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 (NB We would consider secondments)
SALARY:	Competitive + Local Government Pension Scheme.
LOCATION:	Oasis Restore in Rochester, Medway, Kent.

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- *Do you dare to care?*
 - *Do you have the skills, resilience and commitment to work with children who are on remand or sentenced to time in custody?*
 - *Do you want to support children to develop their life skills as well as their emotional, social and cognitive abilities?*
 - *Are you passionate about transforming the lives of the most vulnerable children?*
 - *Do you want to be part of a revolution in youth justice?*

We are offering a hugely exciting opportunity for people with both personal and professional experience of working and engaging with vulnerable children to join our team of Restore Practitioners.

Restore Practitioners are our key frontline residential staff at Oasis Restore, the first Secure Academy Trust in England to educate children in custody. The school is all year-round, offering 24/7 integrated and therapeutically informed education, health and social care, and is due to open its doors to children in spring 2024.

Oasis Restore represents a revolution in youth justice: an opportunity for children within the criminal justice system to experience a restorative environment that creates the potential for them to thrive both now and for the future. Restore Practitioners will build and model healthy and trusting relationships with children that enable them to feel safe, learn and reach their full potential.

The role and what we are looking for:

Your role as a **Restore Practitioner** is a commitment to improving the outcomes of vulnerable children through bringing your dedication, energy, warmth, resilience, and skills to their care. Restore Practitioners will work in teams based in each of the 12 residential flats at Oasis Restore, taking primary responsibility for the children living in this flat and working within an inter-disciplinary team around each child.

You will benefit from a comprehensive system of training, supervision and reflective practice designed to empower you in your work individually and as a team, allowing you to connect with colleagues about your experience of the work to enable you to give your best and effectively support children and

meet their needs. You will work within a team which includes experienced social care managers and therapists as well as working with teaching staff to support the children's engagement in education and wider school activities. You will play an active role in the school's enrichment programme, delivering sessions which promote the development of the whole child.

We are looking for people who understand that a foundation of trusting and caring relationships with clear boundaries is the key to enabling children to learn and develop. You will need to have the enthusiasm, resilience, and commitment to offer this to all of the children at Restore. You will be someone who cares about developing yourself and others, who brings a readiness to get involved, to take up responsibility and authority, and to bring yourself to the work in a whole-hearted, fair, and professional manner.

You will be passionate about making a difference to children's lives, empathetic in your approach to them and to your colleagues, patient, hopeful, forgiving, and able to behave with a curious mindset in your approach. You will have integrity, respect for others and their different life experiences and backgrounds and will understand and be able to maintain professional relationships and boundaries and have an unwavering commitment to child safeguarding. You will be dedicated to finding a way through, and never giving up.

Our Academy

Oasis Restore is the country's first secure school that is a proof-of-concept policy initiative funded by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). Oasis Restore's mission is to transform the life chances of children aged 12-18 years in the criminal justice system through delivering psychologically informed, integrated practice that centres on trusted, safe relationships between staff and children. Oasis Restore is a learning community that embeds hope, stability, and opportunity for children beyond the secure school. To read more about us please visit our website www.oasisrestore.org.

Our offer to you

As a newly established subsidiary of the Oasis Charitable Trust, you will enjoy the benefit of being part of a national organisation that aims to support all staff to reach their full potential and a once in a lifetime opportunity to create, develop and grow a new collaborative and innovative values-based organisation. As well as this you will also benefit from the following opportunities:

- A mixture of one to one and group reflective practise, coaching & supervision sessions as well as regular line management.
- Experience an Appraisal policy that decouples pay and performance.
- An elected staff forum to listen to, and act on staff feedback (this will be set up in 2024).
- Access to the Local Government Pensions Scheme (a competitive, defined benefit pension scheme)
- 33 days annual leave including bank holidays, rising to 35 days after two years.
- Subject to meeting basic eligibility criteria, be entitled to up to 8 weeks full-pay and 18 weeks half-pay paid maternity/adoption/shared parental leave (based broadly on the NHS Employers scheme).
- Subject to meeting basic eligibility criteria be entitled to up to 3 weeks fully paid paternity leave.
- Paid time off to attend antenatal appointments (those staff who are either pregnant or whose partner is pregnant)
- Have a structured and bespoke induction training plan plus a training offer bespoke to our context leading to a level 4 qualification in the therapeutic care of adolescents.
- Receive the same offer of sick leave pay (based broadly on the length of service framework in the national 'Green Book' framework) from Day 1 of employment.
- Up to 5 days discretionary paid compassionate/emergency/general leave plus further discretionary unpaid leave
- Up to 4 weeks paid parental bereavement leave plus up to 5 days paid bereavement leave for the death of other specified close relatives.
- Blue Light Card (subject to meeting their eligibility criteria)
- Expenses and travel costs incurred as part of the working day (as appropriate, not including travel to work)

- Access to an eye care vouchers scheme, season Ticket Loans, a cycle to work scheme and free car parking.
- We are in the process of setting up a new employee health care cash plan and employee discount scheme.

What are you waiting for? Apply today!

Make sure you download and complete our '**Quick Application Form**' including the voluntary 'Equal opportunities form*' and submit both documents to recruitment@oasisrestore.org today.

If you would like some more information or to have an informal conversation with someone, please contact us at recruitment@oasisrestore.org.

Closing Date: Friday 13th October 2023 (9am)

Assessment Day in Kent: Saturday 21st October 2023 (successful applicants will be interviewed remotely at a different agreed day and time)

Safeguarding and Pre-Employment Checks

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks including references and right to work checks. It is an offence to apply for a role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.

This post is also covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent and spoken English is an essential requirement for this role.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

At Oasis Restore we recognise that our team is strengthened by the knowledge, experience and insights people from a wide range of backgrounds can bring. These beliefs and values are underpinned by decades of work and experience that Oasis has had in a wide range of sectors including education, housing and youth-work supported further by a wide range of independent research and studies elsewhere which evidence that creating teams with diverse experience and perspectives, and encouraging healthy debate, reduces the risk of 'blind spots' that often form barriers to success. Oasis Restore aim is to attract and retain the very best diverse talent and role models to help create an innovative, caring and extraordinary working environment for our staff, that enables us to deliver exceptional, caring and psychologically informed learning experience for our students.

We would therefore like to encourage applications from people with varied skillsets, life experiences, and from different backgrounds and sectors to help shape Oasis Restore. If you can demonstrate some of the criteria and believe you have what it takes, then we'd love to hear from you.

Given the nature of our work we also welcome applications from candidates with the following lived experience:

- Experience of working successfully with vulnerable children who sometimes have multiple and complex needs.
- Personal experience of the criminal justice system, or lived experience of the issues facing this client group (i.e. involved in gangs or knife crime).
- Knowledge of the issues facing this client group, such as gangs, knife crime, social exclusion and isolation, child criminal exploitation, adverse childhood experiences and trauma.
- Ability to actively listen and motivate young people.
- Personal experience of the Care system

- Ability to be a positive role model, demonstrating the virtues of a crime-free life to young people.

We're also very happy to answer any questions you may have so please don't hesitate to get in touch at recruitment@oasisrestore.org.

**The Equal Opportunities Form will not be shared with anyone involved in processing your application. Please complete this as part of the application process though it is voluntary. Please note that if you have a disability and you require this form or submitting the information with regard to this form in another format, such as in larger print, please contact the People Services team.*

