**Job Description: Music Therapist - Leading Music for Health and Wellbeing for Young People in Oxfordshire**

**Location:** Various locations within Oxfordshire, with a home base at the Centre for Music in Barton
**Department:** Music Service, Oxfordshire County Council
**Reports to:** Head of Service
**Salary:** Grade 14 (£52,805 – £56,070)

**Job Summary**

We are seeking a qualified Music Therapist with a passion for improving the lives of young people in Oxfordshire. As part of the Music Service, you will lead a new strategy for Music for Health and Wellbeing, including the development of Alternative Education Provision for pupils at risk of exclusion using music as a catalyst for change. Working to the HCPC Standard of Proficiency you will have the opportunity to lead on the integration of Music Therapy within a Health and Social care context and understand how this supports educational outcomes. You will oversee the Music for Wellbeing and Early Years teams, liaise with school leaders and SENCO teams, and develop intervention programs aligned with the OCC vision for Alternative Education Provision

**Key Responsibilities**

* Lead the development and implementation of a new strategy for Music for Health and Wellbeing.
* Develop Alternative Education Provision to be delivered by the Music Service for pupils at risk of exclusion
* Create pathways to bring pupils back to mainstream settings using music as a catalyst for change.
* Manage and develop the Music for Wellbeing and Early Years teams within the Music Service.
* Liaise with school leaders and SENCOs to develop intervention programs.
* Consult with a variety of stakeholders, including parents and young people.
* Provide training for the Music Service team and develop a CPD offer for schools
* Reporting on the impact of intervention programmes to young people, parents and carers, the Music Service and Oxfordshire County Council
* Chair meetings and focus groups and present work locally and nationally

**Essential Criteria**

1. **Qualified Music Therapist** (EG Masters Degree in MT)
2. **HCPC registered** - working to HCPC Standards of Proficiency 2024
3. **Experience in developing and implementing strategies** for Music and Wellbeing.AI
4. **Strong track record as a practicing Music Therapist**. With young people AI
5. **Innovative, independent, and creative** approach to working with young people AI
6. **Excellent communication skills**, both written and verbal. AIP
7. **Ability to chair meetings and develop focus groups** AI
8. **Experience in managing and developing teams**. AI
9. **Keen interest in research** in the field of music therapy AIP
10. **Experience and understanding of Safeguarding procedures for young people** AI

**Desirable Criteria**

1. **Understanding of working in schools** AI
2. **Membership of BAMT** A
3. **Experience in project management** .AI
4. **Experience of managing budgets, negotiating Service Level Agreements and bid writing** AI
5. **Previous experience working within a Local Government context** A

**Additional Information**

You will be part of the Senior Leadership team for the Music Service, reporting to the Head of Service. This role involves working at various locations within the County, with a home base at the Centre for Music in Barton. The post will play an important role in the development of the Music Service as a whole and its vision to deliver on the National Plan for Music Education, as well as aligning with OCC ambitions and priorities. Equally, the post holder will have the opportunity to make a major contribution to the field of Alternative Education Provision and Musical interventions.