# Context statement

Job title: Advisor – Physical and Medical Needs

Directorate: Children’s Services

Service: Education and Learning

Team: Physical and Medical Needs Service

## Organisation structure

Reporting to: Senior Advisor - Physical and Medical Needs

Responsibility for: Providing advice and guidance to educational settings, parents and carers and other professionals about supporting children and young people with physical and medical needs, in line with relevant legislation and local guidance.

The post holder is also responsible for acting as a source of expertise on the moving and handling of children and young people with physical disabilities and providing support and training to educational settings about this.

## Context of work

This role involves working with early years settings, schools and FE colleges, to ensure that children and young people with physical and medical needs are supported appropriately, able to access their education and achieve their potential.

This role also involves providing advice and guidance to:

* children and young people
* parents and carers
* colleagues within Children’s Services
* health professionals, such as Children’s Therapy Services, Children’s Community Nursing and School Nursing

You will also be the service’s authority on the safer moving and handling of children and young people with mobility difficulties within an educational setting. You will provide educational settings with children handling training and help them to write moving and handling risk assessments.

The views of the child or young person, and their families are integral to this role and as such, they are involved as much as possible.

Although the post is based in Dorchester, the role involves visiting schools and educational settings across the county.

## Travel requirement

This position has a significant travel requirement. This means that there is a requirement for a vehicle (or transport deemed to be suitable by the council) to be available on most working days to carry out normal duties.

Employees in positions with a significant travel requirement are required to provide a replacement vehicle if their usual vehicle is not available over an extended period.

## Other information

The ability to converse at ease with customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post.

This role requires the post-holder to be familiar with the following pieces of legislation:

* Children and Families Act 2014 (Section 100)
* Equality Act 2010
* Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
* Management of Health & Safety at Work (Amendment) Regulations 2006
* Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013
* Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992
* Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998
* Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998

This post involves working with children and having access to significant information about them and will therefore be subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check.

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