

- Job Title - Children & Young People Development Worker / Play Therapist
- Salary - £31,612 per annum
- Location - South Hampshire Women's Refuge, Southampton
- Overview of the Post (a brief summary of no more than 300 words);

### **What you'll do**

- Deliver age-appropriate, strengths-based play therapy to children and young people living in our refuge accommodation.
- Use a variety of creative techniques – from storytelling and art to music and role play – to help children express themselves and build resilience.
- Work with the children, young people and families development workers to create individual support plans and work closely with parents to create safe, nurturing environments.
- Collaborate with multi-agency partners and contribute to safeguarding best practice.
- Play a key role in shaping our children and family support programme.

### **What we're looking for**

- A recognised Play Therapy qualification and registration with a relevant professional body (e.g., UKCP, BACP, BAPT).
- Experience delivering outcomes-focused therapy to children and young people.
- Strong understanding of child development, attachment theory, and the impact of domestic abuse.
- Ability to work creatively, flexibly, and in a non-judgemental way.
- Excellent communication and partnership skills.

**This post is restricted to female applicants only under the provisions of the Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9, Part 1. The role is based within a female-only domestic abuse refuge, where the provision of services requires a female worker to ensure the privacy, dignity, and safety of residents.**

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Stonewater have 20+ years' experience delivering refuge, safe accommodation and community based domestic abuse services. Our services include Women and Children's Refuges, LGBTQ+ Safe Space, a South Asian Women's Refuge and dispersed accommodation to support those that are unable to access traditional Refuges such as male survivors, those with pets and those facing multiple and complex disadvantage. Our dispersed model of safe accommodation ensures equal access for all.

**Stonewater reserve the right to bring the closing date forward should enough quality applications be received prior to the current closing date.**

- Application Details (how to apply and the closing date) - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - candidates can applying using the following link - <https://careers.stonewater.org/jobs/7446618-children-young-people-development-worker-play-therapist?promotion=1990529-trackable-share-link-play-therapy-uk>

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