

JOB DESCRIPTION

Summary		
Job Title	Legal Advocate/Caseworker	
Department	Programmes, Legal	
Location	Head Office, Manchester, UK	
Full-time / Part-time / Job Share	Full Time	
Reporting To	UK Legal Director	
Job Purpose	To provide specialist legal services and advocacy support to victims of human trafficking	

Role Description

Case Work

- Provide under supervision basic legal advice to victims of human trafficking on rights as a trafficked person, criminal law, compensation, welfare benefits and housing;
- To provide if and when required more specialist legal assistance on welfare benefits advice including written and oral advocacy on reconsideration and appeals;
- To source where available legal assistance e.g. compensation;
- Support the victim through relevant legal processes including criminal and civil processes;
- Complete where necessary CICA applications;
- General file administration;

General

- Assist in the development of documents to assist victims in their understanding of legal processes;
- Assist in researching/lobbying/drafting policy and legislation as relates to victims of human trafficking;



- Work with other organisations including other NGOs, police and government to achieve appropriate legal support for victims of human trafficking;
- Prepare presentations;
- Additional assignments as required by the Legal Director

Person Specification		
Knowledge and Skills	Essential:	
	•	Excellent knowledge of welfare benefits law especially as relates to EEA Nationals;
	•	Some knowledge of other areas of law including housing, civil litigation, criminal litigation and human rights
	•	Previous work with vulnerable adults (e.g. trafficking victims)
	Desirable:	trafficking victims)
	•	Knowledge of the law relating to human trafficking
	•	Experience of advising and writing appeals in welfare tribunals
Industry or Specialist Qualifications	Essential:	
	•	Qualified Solicitor, barrister or legal executive with at least 2 years post qualified experience with experience of advocating for vulnerable people.
		OR
	•	Paralegal/caseworker with experience of advocating for vulnerable people with experience of advocating for vulnerable people.
	Desirable:	
	•	Specialism in welfare rights and immigration is desirable.



Key Competencies	 Demonstrate good core legal skills including research, advocacy, negotiation, drafting, interviewing, legal ethics and confidentiality
	Able to work in a team
	Good communications skills
	Exceptional attention to detail
	Works well with change
	Values Self-Development
	Able to prioritise own work
	Decisive
	Innovative and creative
	Excels at negotiating and influencing
	Excels at people/performance management
	Excellent time management
	Excellent problem solving
	Supports and develops others well
	Demonstrates relevant technical awareness
	 Passion for the organisational aims of Hope for Justice

To Apply

Review		
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