



Job Details

JOB TITLE: Therapist – Animal-Assisted Therapeutic Provision

SALARY: £28,146.00-£39,216.00 per year

LOCATION: Based across Elysian's sites in Shamley Green, West Horsley (Surrey) and Liss (Hampshire)

JOB TYPE: Full-Time or Part-Time, Term-Time or All-Year Round, weekend and weekday

DETAILS:

This is an exciting opportunity for a therapist who understands and is passionate about supporting the complexities of children and young people's needs, and the meaningful input equine and other animals can have in our personal development and recovery. Actual animal or horse experience is not essential; however, this would be strongly beneficial.

This pioneering organisation provides therapeutic education, alternative provision, and animal assisted interventions (AAI) for children, young people, and adults with a wide range of emotional, social, and mental health needs. The organisation's work is rooted in the transformative power of animals – especially equines – in fostering well-being, emotional regulation, and personal development.

We are looking for someone experienced in working with children and young people with a variety of emotional, social and behavioural difficulties, including additional needs.

You will be working in a supportive, skilled multidisciplinary team across beautiful outdoor sites where animals, nature, and therapeutic education go hand in hand. No two days are ever the same – and this is not your typical clinical setting.

This is a very 'hands on' role, working outside in the elements and great fun for the right person, and not so fun for someone who likes to be based in an office every day. So, if you prefer the warmth of being indoors then this role wouldn't be a great fit.

Please complete the initial interest form on our website with your CV and a supporting cover letter outlining how you believe your skills, attributes and experience make you a good candidate for this role.

We are looking for therapists to cover all 7 days of the week and looking for part- and full-time candidates to cover a minimum of three days per week up to full time (5 days).

The post role will include contributing to a whole range of therapeutic activities, with a focus on providing therapy and undertake assessments of children and young people and will also include facilitating therapeutic goal focused groups.

At weekends we may see adults, smaller children, families and other groups. Monday to Friday we see children and young people mainly

We welcome applicants who want to work any days of the week - including weekdays only, weekends only or a mix of both, as long as it is the same days every week.

We are recruiting for across all of our three sites as part of expansion. This includes our established provision in Shamley Green, Surrey, our provision in Liss/Froxfield, Hampshire and West Horsley, in Surrey.

Why Join?

- Work in a unique, animal-assisted therapy setting that makes a real difference
- Join a passionate and creative therapy and education team
- Flexible hours – we are open to shaping the role around your availability
- Opportunities for professional development and animal-assisted training
- Meaningful, person-centered work with young people facing complex challenges

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversight of therapeutic goals for each client, child or young person on case load
- Manage an individual case load whilst delivering therapeutic assessment and treatment to clients
- Provide assessment of new clients, and formulate and provide therapeutic goals centred treatment plans for clients
- Maintain any records necessary for the evaluation of service needs and efficiency and ensure that documentation is clear, accurate and in compliance with legal requirements.
- Undertake research relevant to the assessment of patients' need and the development and evaluation of interventions when needed.
- Maintain an appropriate level of confidentiality at all times.
- Prepare delivery structure for Animal Assisted Therapy groups and workshops.
- Where appropriate, provide coaching and training for students, junior or new staff.
- Where appropriate provide supervision of others with clinical responsibilities to ensure our clinical practice remains at the highest possible standard.
- Oversee and undertake general liaison with clients, client carers/parents and relevant professionals in the organisation of session, session planning and treatment plans as part of a holistic support approach
- Provide organisational reporting with evaluation and outcome data.
- Contribute to outcome evaluation, training, and wider organisational activities

ABOUT YOU

We welcome applications from therapists with experience in counselling, psychotherapy, occupational therapy, play therapy, art therapy, or a related field

Experience and Qualification

- Professional registration with a national body essential (EHCP, BACP, UKCP etc)
- Degree in a relevant field such as Art or Play Therapy/Occupational Therapy/Social Work/Psychology and/or other relevant field with added practice experience or post qualifying training
- At least 3 years post graduate work experience with clients providing counselling or therapeutic intervention
- Experience of working with mental health.
- Qualified to use a range of clinical assessment tools is essential.

- Qualifications and experience in AAT or Equine Assisted Psychotherapy is desirable
- Membership or certification from international or nationally recognised qualification in the area of AAT/EAP such as EAGALA or Path International or other international professional body will be highly regarded.
- Experience in delivering psycho education workshops incorporating animals will be an added advantage.
- Supervision training and experience essential.

SCHEDULE:

- Flexible positions available: weekdays, weekends, term-time or year-round
- Minimum 3 days per week required
- Working hours: typically, 9am–5pm

EMPLOYER:

Elysian is a therapeutic education and alternative provision provider that supports children and young people with emotional, social and mental health needs, ASD, ADHD, trauma and attachment difficulties. We use animals, nature, and creative therapeutic interventions to help young people thrive. The organisation is committed to Safeguarding Children and Young People. All roles are subject to Safeguarding scrutiny, including references and DBS Checks, prior to commencing employment.