



Dear Applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in the role of Family Carer Supporter. We are keen to recruit a strong, enthusiastic addition to our respected Family Carer Support team so we can extend our reach while maintaining our reputation with families, Hft colleagues and external partners.

Although this is a challenging time for the Social Care Sector, it is also a time when inspired – yet grounded - people can make a real difference. Cuts to LA budgets together with national responses to the review of Community Care law and the Dilnot Commission on social care mean there is much change afoot for people with learning disabilities and their families. Because of this we need to be as effective as we can so more family carers are well informed and able to achieve the support they and their relatives need.

Our work involves helping relatives of people with learning disabilities to be aware of entitlements, solution focused and alert to the opportunities that personalisation can bring. By being networked with others who care about family carers we can also help ensure the voice of family carers is heard at national level and influences local support options.

Currently we provide individual telephone/email support (and will be using social networking too); we arrange and deliver short courses of workshops across the country, facilitate workshops and deliver presentations at conferences; we produce regular Family Carer News Digests and other family carer focused resources; we also work with others to promote good practice. We take new opportunities that help ensure family carers can live well supported lives, which means our jobs are exciting and varied!

The successful applicant will join two experienced FCSS team members within Hft Operations Department. Hft is a dynamic provider committed to growing its range of innovative, flexible and creative models of support to people with learning disabilities. Throughout its work the organisation is aware that positive, life changing outcomes can only be achieved by working in close partnerships with families, as well as people with learning disabilities and local authorities.

If you feel you have specialist knowledge and the experience, drive and enthusiasm to help us achieve our objectives I look forward to hearing from you.

Robina Mallett

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Family Carer Support Manager

Application form to be completed online (see www.hft.org.uk) - accompanying CVs welcomed – by midday on 9 November; interviews in Bristol on November 22nd.