



# BUILDING UNDERDEVELOPED SENSORIMOTOR SYSTEMS (BUSS) PRACTITIONER

*This post is suitable for someone already trained in BUSS or interested in an intensive 'in post' training*

## JOB DESCRIPTION

The successful candidate will be part of a growing clinical team offering BUSS interventions for children and young people from birth to 25 years. This includes BUSS assessments and interventions offered face to face from our West and North Yorkshire bases and remotely to children and families across the UK. You will manage your caseload and there will be opportunities, in time, to contribute to our group work programmes and be involved in training.

We envisage that for the first 6 months you will benefit from a fast track, intensive training programme supported by members of the BUSS team to develop your skills in BUSS assessment and intervention with a view to reaching accredited practitioner status within 6-8 months. After this time you will work within the BUSS team as an accredited practitioner.

This is a unique opportunity to join a dynamic, growing organisation where you will receive the support you need to reach accreditation. This post would suit an experienced practitioner with skills and knowledge of working effectively with children who are looked after / in special guardianship arrangements / children and their adoptive families.

## JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

**EMPLOYER:** Oakdale Therapies Ltd.

**SALARY:** £38-£43k, depending on experience

**HOURS:** Full time (part time also considered)

**REPORTS TO:** Katie Wrench, Head of Clinical Services

**LOCATION:** Leeds, Halifax and Harrogate  
with some remote working



The BUSS Model has been developed to support children who have experienced developmental trauma and their families. Owing to the success of the model across the UK, we are in the exciting position of looking to expand our team and are looking for experienced practitioners with a strong work ethic and value base to help us to develop both our clinical and training services.

The BUSS team operates under the umbrella of our partner organisation, Oakdale Therapies Ltd. Oakdale was established over twenty years ago and is highly regarded as a professional therapy provider for adults as well as children and their families. BUSS and Oakdale are committed to providing excellent services to meet the needs of all of our clients.

## CONTACT US

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# BUSS PRACTITIONER

## PERSON SPECIFICATION



### 1. ESSENTIAL:

- A core training (e.g. social work, clinical psychology or occupational therapy) and the relevant professional registration (e.g. HCPC, Social Work England), with at least 2 years post qualifying experience.
- An understanding of the BUSS Model and a commitment and interest to complete BUSS training and to reaching accreditation as a practitioner, with on the job training, within 6-8 months.
- Experience of working with children and young people and their families who have experienced developmental trauma, using a collaborative approach in which parents/carers are regarded as the key agents of change.
- Experience of systemic working - working with parents and carers as well as colleagues in the field of fostering and adoption.
- The ability to build effective relationships, inspiring trust and confidence within the organisation and externally with families and their support networks (including schools).
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience of using outcome measures and a commitment to using clinical outcome measures.
- Ability to work on own initiative and to tight timescales.
- Proactive, organised, methodical, accurate, strong attention to detail.
- High level of personal and professional commitment.
- The desire to be a team player in a growing, evolving organisation.
- Proficient IT skills including the use of a database application for recording.
- Knowledge of data protection and privacy.
- In possession a current, valid, UK driving licence and have access to a car.
- Capacity to work flexibly to meet the requirements of the role.

### 2. DESIRABLE

- Experience of working in a multidisciplinary team.
- Experience and confidence in working with children from birth to 18 years.
- Experience of training delivery.
- Experience of group work delivery.
- Additional training in psychological therapies - e.g. DDP, Therapy, NVR
- Evidence of a commitment to continued professional development.
- Interest in audit and research.
- Previous experience and training in BUSS.

### IN RETURN WE OFFER

- Full support from a multidisciplinary team.
- Regular clinical supervision.
- Development opportunities.
- Research opportunities .
- Internal/external training on new initiatives.

You will also learn from some of the most dedicated and inspirational people working in this field.

### TO APPLY

If you are interested in this role, we would invite you to get in touch with us to discuss your application - [info@busmodel.org](mailto:info@busmodel.org). When you are ready to apply, please send your CV with a covering letter describing why you are interested in the role and highlighting those aspects of your experience and skill set that make you a good fit for the Job Description and Person Specification provided, to [info@busmodel.org](mailto:info@busmodel.org). Please include details of your notice period.

Early applications will be welcomed. Interviews will be arranged on a rolling basis as suitable applications are received.

A DBS check, references and proof of eligibility to work in this country will be required for the successful candidate.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from anyone with the appropriate skills, experience and personal qualities.

