



Job description	
Job title	Therapy and Technology Practitioner
Grade	G
Directorate	Adult Social Care
Section/team	Independent Living service
Accountable to	Senior Therapy and Technology Practitioner
Responsible for	N/A
Date reviewed	February 2017

Purpose of the Job

The core value of KMBC is to provide a quality Independent Living Service for the Community. Respect for confidentiality, diversity and dignity is essential as is the commitment to provide an equality of service which is responsive to the needs of all service users.

To ensure that Independent Living Services are provided in line with the needs of the local population of Knowsley.

To complete both complex and non-complex independent living needs based assessments for the provision of equipment/adaptations and assistive Technology. Work alongside Assistant Practitioners, Occupational Therapist, social care professionals and the wider Multi-Disciplinary Teams to meet the needs of the local population; provide aids/equipment/adaptations/assistive technology to meet identified needs within the assessment process adhering to defined protocols to support service users to live independently in the community, reducing reliance on care and recommending alterations to packages of care.

To be the council's expert in assistive technology providing advice and guidance to health and social care professionals in the wider Multi-Disciplinary Teams and promote the various applications of assistive technology.

To be responsible for ensuring that the service provided to service users is kept up to date with the latest assistive technology equipment.

Duties and Responsibilities



This is not a comprehensive list of all the tasks, which may be required of you. It is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the work to be undertaken.

1. To provide a first point of contact for referrals in the care management teams for equipment/aids/adaptations and Assistive Technology signposting appropriately when necessary and working alongside the wider Multi Disciplinary Teams.
2. To undertake both complex and non complex needs based assessments with service users with disabilities and/or multiple health conditions and their carers within agreed procedures and provide aids and equipment to meet identified needs.
3. To undertake assessments of need for those service users who are DEAF or Hard of Hearing and identify, recommend and provide any appropriate technical equipment to aid daily independent living and to work in partnership with Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service to support the most vulnerable residents in the community.
4. To undertake functional and practical assessments regarding eligibility for Blue Badges. To communicate to the qualified Occupational Therapist sound evidence and ensure the accurate issuance of the Blue Badge. Where appropriate and necessary, to provide pre and post assessment administration duties regarding Blue Badges.
5. To visit service users in their own homes or supported living setting, to undertake assessments of how their care and support needs could be met using Assistive Technology equipment promoting independent living and reducing reliance on care.
6. To work with social care professionals and the wider Multi Disciplinary Teams in undertaking assessments to recommend and agree how best to meet the individuals needs with equipment/adaptations or Assistive Technology and make recommendations on how these could alter Packages of care.
7. To provide training, advice and guidance to the wider Multi Disciplinary Teams on the use of Assistive Technology as a means of supporting service users to live independently and alternatives to care services.
8. Provide advice in both a community setting and within the Centre for Independent Living showroom to service users and carers on difficulties they may be encountering in their daily lives, referring to Occupational Therapist, Social Work or other relevant providers/agencies and Multi Disciplinary Teams as required.



9. To provide and/or install aids/equipment, including Assistive technology equipment, identified from assessment. Demonstrate, support and advise all service users groups, carers both formal and informal to the recipient of the equipment in the use of it, for example mattress variators, pillow lifters, bath lifters shower and bath seats, flashing door bells, loop systems, amplifiers, wondering alerts, door exit sensors, bed sensors...
10. To monitor and review provisions of aids/equipment and Assistive Technology within appropriate health and safety regulations and Council guidelines.
11. Identify when stock levels of equipment for Assistive Technology and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service User issued are low and re-order appropriately and in line with procedures.
12. To manage and prioritise own workload and effectively case manage.
13. Liaise with service users, carers and colleagues within Adult Social Care / Health and other relevant agencies, ensuring that appropriate information on the use and review of equipment is recorded.
14. Lead on the effective implementation of the Assistive technology business strategy and future service planning and development.
15. To attend social care panels/team meetings to promote assistive technology, aids and adaptations and provide advice on proposed packages of care.
16. To provide updates to the wider Multi Disciplinary Teams about new technology and how it might support service users and pilot new Assistive Technology equipment to support the Commissioning Support Manager and the provider of Assistive Technology services.
17. To identify complex and non-complex building work and make recommendations for specifications for such adaptations i.e. Level Access Showers, Stair Lifts straight and curved, Through Ceiling Lifts, taking in to account environmental and functional factors and then review such recommendations. Where such adaptations are not possible recommend and support with alternative housing and provide advice and guidance on housing options.
18. To maintain service user records / systems, including use of new technology for the provision of accurate, up to date information.
19. To record the outcomes of assessments and the benefits of the provision of Assistive Technology to assist the Commissioning



Support Manager and the Commissioning Performance and Evaluation Manager to measure the impact of assistive technology.

20. To report any Safeguarding concerns, in line with Knowsley Safeguarding Adults Procedures.
21. To adhere to the College of Occupational Therapy code of conduct and adhere to the standards of practice relevant to Occupational Therapy Assistants.
22. Contribute to the development of services by participating in team meetings, working groups to promote continuous improvement in service delivery and ensure the provision of a high standard of service to service users.
23. To undertake such training as identified and required by the Department.
24. To carry out other appropriate duties as may be allocated from time to time that are relevant to the role of Independent Living officers.

To comply with all the Councils Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Health and Safety

1. To use equipment as instructed and trained
2. To inform management of any health and safety issues which could place individuals in danger.
3. To comply with all requirements of Health and Safety Legislation and Council policies, taking appropriate action where necessary.

Data Protection and Information Security

- Implement and act in accordance with the Information Security Acceptable Use policy and Data Protection Policy,
- Protect the council's information assets from unauthorised access, disclosure, modification, destruction or interference,
- Report actual or potential security incidents.

Knowsley Better Together – Staff Qualities

The following qualities have been adopted by the Council and apply to all employees. You are expected to embrace and display these qualities.

- **Integrity.** You are required to be open and honest, maintain high standards of personal behaviour and display strong moral principles.
- **Accountability.** You must take personal responsibility for your actions and decisions and understand the consequences of your behaviour.



- **Communication.** You must listen and talk to others, taking account of other people's points of view. You should share information and strive to work together.
- **Respect.** You must treat people with care and dignity, observing the rights of other people, and helping and supporting others where you can.