



# Role Profile

## Childcare Manager

Reference No.	A3161	Type	Individual
Service	Education and Children's Services		
Job Family	Professional 1	Grade	FC7

**Task or Responsibility** - For this role, there is an expectation that all, or a combination, of the following will be undertaken:

Ensuring sufficient numbers of staff are in place at all times, in accordance with ratios set out in National Care Standards to support and promote practice that reflects the needs and protects the rights of children & young people

### Purpose

The Childcare Manager will manage and oversee a group of Childcare Services, to ensure the provision of safe, caring environments offering a range of active, stimulating and restful activities for pre-school and school age children before and after school and during holidays.

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To ensure you achieve registration with SSSC as a **Manager in Day Care of Childrens Service** within 6 months of starting in a new role, you must apply to register within 3 months of your start date.

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To maintain your registration, you must hold or work towards the SSSC benchmark qualification for the role. For this role, you must have a practice qualification and hold or be willing to achieve a manager qualification. The main management qualifications are detailed below:

- BA Childhood Practice
- Postgraduate Diploma Childhood Practice
- Masters of Education Childhood Practice
- PDA Childhood Practice SCQF level 9

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<p>Supervising and where appropriate, engaging in play activities with the children, actively encouraging the children's participation at all times.</p>
<p>Assisting the childcare staff in consulting with the children, then contribute to planning, preparing, implementation and evaluation of a variety of stimulating, creative and age appropriate activity opportunities for the children, ensuring that individual children's needs are met.</p>
<p>Working in partnership with parents / carers and sometimes other professionals, to encourage open communication and involvement in the Childcare Services.</p>
<p>Acting as Child Protection Coordinator for your group of services and to be aware and alert to situations of child neglect and possible abuse and act in accordance with the Education and Children's Services Child Protection Policy and Fife Inter-Agency Guidelines.</p>
<p>Ensuring a safe, secure and friendly environment is maintained for the children and in accordance with Fife Council and Fife Childcare Policies and Procedures, current Health &amp; Safety Legislation, Food</p>

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<p>The benchmark qualifications are listed here <a href="https://www.sssc.uk.com/registration/help-with-register-parts-fees-and-qualifications/">https://www.sssc.uk.com/registration/help-with-register-parts-fees-and-qualifications/</a></p> <p>If you do not currently hold a benchmark qualification, your registration will be granted subject to the condition that you achieve the required qualification within your first period of registration.</p>		
<p>Experience of working with children aged 6 weeks – 14 years</p>	✓	
<p>Experience in planning, preparation and delivery of a wide range of activity programmes around children's needs</p>		✓
<p>Knowledge and understanding of Manager's role in regard to Child Protection</p> <p>An understanding of the underpinning principles of GIRFEC and the implications for partnership working</p>		✓ ✓
<p>Knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Care Standards</li> <li>• SSSC Code of Practice</li> <li>• Health &amp; Safety Legislation</li> </ul>		✓

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Hygiene Regulations, Care Inspectorate National Care Standards, SSSC Codes of Practice and Data Protection Act.
Implementing regular evaluation of the service(s) which will help to identify areas of the service which may require improvement and put in place plans / actions which will ensure that improvement can be achieved.
Carrying out regular review of Health & Safety Risk Assessments, organising fire drills – recording and reporting action taken as appropriate.
Carrying out feasibility studies to determine service demand, then responding by developing new Childcare Services in appropriate locations, while balancing this with the need to ensure services remain cost effective and financially viable.
Recruiting, selecting and inducting new staff, providing ongoing support and supervision, allocating work, approving leave / time off (and arrange cover for annual leave and other absence) , contribution management and ensuring their continued professional development including ensuring that they maintain SSSC registration. Assisting in the development and delivery of in-house training programmes for staff working in the Childcare Service.
Convening and chairing regular meetings with the cluster team(s) for the purposes of dissemination of information, staff training, and ensuring consistency of approach across the service and to provide ongoing management support.
Working in conjunction with other staff, carry out administration and financial procedures, record keeping (both electronic and paper based), ordering and purchasing in accordance with Fife Council

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Safety Management</li> <li>• Children’s Rights</li> </ul>		
Knowledge and understanding of current Health & Safety Legislation		✓
Experience of supervising and managing people	✓	
Be able to demonstrate leadership of team(s)	✓	
Proficient user of Microsoft Office Suite and other software including Fife Council software packages	✓	

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procedures, including for example; maintaining daily attendance registers, children's registration records and care plans, emergency contact lists and similar information.				
Working collaboratively with local colleges with regard to the placement of trainees / or volunteers and support their learning while in the service.				
Participating in the Duty Childcare Manager rota during the hours of service operation (7.30am till 6pm, Mon – Fri) as a point of contact in the case of an emergency.	Sound observation, judgement and decision-making skills			
Undertaking all other duties as required for the role. Duties will be in line with the grade.				

<b>Type of Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme) or Disclosure Check required</b>	
<b>Before confirming appointment:</b> You may be required to obtain PVG scheme membership or a Disclosure check. Please refer to the job advert for clarification of the specific requirement.	
<b>Additional Information</b> – the following information is available:	<b>Expected Behaviours</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills Framework (if applicable)</li> <li>• <b>How</b> we work matters</li> </ul>	<p>Every council employee is expected to lead the way by making decisions and behaving in ways that uphold our community commitments and values.</p> <p>Please refer to How We Work Matters Guidance to learn more.</p>