

Macmillan Welfare Benefit Adviser **Macmillan Advice Ref: 145**

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This post requires that the post holder has the following skills and experience to fulfil the job description.

When completing your application form, in section 6 "Person Specification" please address yourself to each of the points marked with an asterisk *. Please number each point and clearly explain how your experience, skills and knowledge meet the requirements specified.

Essential Experience and Skills:

- 1. Good knowledge of the UK welfare benefits system with experience of providing advice on eligibility to welfare benefits and knowledge of the relevant application processes. *
- 2. Experience of providing advice on income maximisation through benefit take up. *
- 3. Excellent verbal and communication skills: giving advice remotely (by phone and on-line) and in person, writing letters and writing up notes. *
- 4. A good level of numeracy. *
- Attention to detail. *
- 6. Ability to manage a busy caseload, working under pressure and meeting deadlines. *
- 7. Track record in meeting casework targets. *
- 8. Experience of team working. *
- 9. Ability to use a case management system and other computer systems. *
- 10. Willing to undertake training. *
- 11.An understanding of and commitment to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion. *

Desirable Knowledge and Skills:

- 1. Experience of providing written representation including at the First Tier Tribunal.
- 2. Knowledge or experience of working in the advice and or health sector.
- 3. An awareness of debt issues and making referrals to appropriate agencies.
- 4. Experience and understanding of working with those affected by cancer and their families and carers, or of working with a vulnerable client group.