

Title of Post	Project Worker
Location	South Cork City Family Support Project, Mahon, Cork
Employment Type	Permanent, Full-time, 37 hours
Salary	€35,598.30 - €55,024.36
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Closing Date	7 th November, 2025
Interview Date	24 th November, 2025

Name of the Project: South Cork City Family Support Service

Address/Location: 8-9 Orchard View, Ringmahon Road, Mahon, Cork City

What does the South Cork City Family Support Project do?

Barnardos has a number of services in Cork and around Ireland working on a needs-led and outcomes-focussed basis providing individual family support, and group support. The South Cork City project provides family support to vulnerable children, young people and their families across the South Cork City area. The project's targeted supports help to strengthen family networks, support parents, improve wellbeing and further children's development. Work happens in family homes, in the Barnardos centre in Mahon, and in school and community settings.

What will the Project Worker do?

The Project Worker will work from Barnardos' family support service base in Mahon to assess needs, develop and implement plans and conduct home visits for assisting the children and families, which the service works with, and related activity in the Cork South City area.

Who does the team consist of?

Barnardos focus is on a partnership based approach with families and team working. Referrals to the service are accepted from Tusla and self-referrals. The Barnardos local team consists of the project leader, project co-ordinators, project workers, administrative and support staff.

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Job Description

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Location:	South Cork City Family Support Project, Mahon, Cork
Responsible to:	Project Leader
Works with:	Barnardos Staff, Inter-agency Colleagues and Service Users

Job purpose

To develop and implement programmes that respond to the needs of children and families referred to the service working in partnership with families and other organisational, community and voluntary bodies.

Core Job Requirements

- Assess the needs of the children and the families engaging with the project.
- Plan, implement and review programmes for children/young people/carers/families based on an assessment of their individual and group needs.
- Be vigilant for signs of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and any concerns regarding the welfare of children. To record concerns promptly and accurately. To consult with the Designated Person and take appropriate action in accordance with Barnardos Child Protection policy.
- Work with children/young people/carers/families in a variety of ways, including group work, individual work and family work, centre based and outreach work.
- Key work individual children/young people/carers/families in order to meet their needs and to advocate on their behalf.
- Liaise effectively with families and other statutory, community and voluntary bodies and to attend and contribute to reviews and case conferences as required.
- Work in partnership with other Barnardos services to best meet the needs of children and families by collaborating resources with planned interventions targeting groups/families of shared need.
- Keep regular records in relation to all aspects of work and prepare reports as required.
- Gather information statistics and prepare reports as required, including administration of databases as appropriate to the role.
- Identify and document to the line manager any unmet needs of children/young people/carers/families within the service and to participate in the advocacy work of the agency.

Note: This Job Description will be reviewed and updated in line with the needs of the work.

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Person Specification

Personal Attributes

- Commitment to the delivery of quality services to children, young people, families and carers.
- Ability to act on own initiative and consult where appropriate.
- Ability to work under pressure, make decisions in consultation with the line manager when appropriate.
- To be committed to adhering to best practice in the work and be innovative and open to change.
- Flexibility and adaptability are essential for this post.
- Ability to form objective relationships with children, young people, families/carers, colleagues and other agencies.

Experience

- A minimum of 2 years' post qualification experience of working with vulnerable children and families.
- Experience of working in partnership with families and carers.
- Experience of planning, implementing and reviewing programmes with children and/or families.

Qualifications

A recognised third level practice qualification¹ (minimum QQI Level 7 on the NFQ, Course content should include relevant student placements) in one of the following:

- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Social Care
- Education
- Social Work
- Youth Work
- Or related discipline (Nursing, Psychology, Early Years Education).

Note: this list can be varied depending on the specific requests of the post.

Applicants must be registered or eligible for registration with CORU as a Social Care Worker. This includes those currently in the process of registration under CORU's transitional arrangements (grandparenting route). Candidates who meet the eligibility criteria but have not yet completed registration are encouraged to apply. However, you will be required to provide proof of registration or evidence they have initiated the application process.

Full driving licence and access to the use of a suitably insured car is essential.

The post-holder is initially assigned to work in South Cork City area but may be required in the future to work in other locations in the Cork area in line with Organisational needs.

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