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Leanne Oduya

Barnardo's

Dear Leanne,

I'm writing about the Children's Services Social Worker position at Barnardo's South Yorkshire. I've spent the last three and a half years in statutory children's safeguarding at Sheffield City Council, carrying a caseload of 18 children across CP, CIN, and LAC plans, and I'm interested in moving into the voluntary sector where there's more space for relationship-based work with families.

At Sheffield, I've completed 24 Section 47 investigations and 15 initial child protection conferences in the past year. I've prepared evidence and appeared in 6 care proceedings at Sheffield Family Court. All resulting in the outcome I recommended. I was part of the Signs of Safety pilot group, implementing the framework across all my cases and developing mapping tools that were shared across the wider service. Family feedback scores improved from 3.1 to 4.2 out of 5 during the pilot. Before children's work, I spent 18 months in adult mental health at Sheffield Health and Social Care, managing a caseload of 22 service users and completing Mental Health Act assessments.

What draws me to Barnardo's is the focus on early intervention and the ability to work with families before things reach the statutory threshold. I'm registered with Social Work England, hold Practice Educator Stage 1 and Safeguarding Level 3 qualifications, and currently mentor 2 ASYE social workers. I'd welcome the opportunity to discuss the role.

Kind regards,

Emma Gallagher