

Trainee Therapist Clinical Placements

We can offer:

- A volunteer Trainee Therapist clinical placement in one of our partner school teams in and around Cambridge. The placement lasts for one year or more, working with 2 to 3 clients on the same day each week during term time
- The opportunity to offer one to one arts based therapeutic support to primary aged children in a safe and supportive setting
- The opportunity to be on placement in a mixed team of qualified Therapists, Trainee Therapists and volunteer Mentors with day to day support from a Blue Smile School Clinical Lead
- Clinical hours towards your course (please check with your training organisation)
- Free professional development training (6 per year with recent sessions on Understanding the Sand Tray Process in Therapy with Children and Autism-positive Working in the Classroom and Therapy Room)
- A contribution towards your external supervision costs
- Career opportunities within a growing organisation

Our trainee therapists:

- Are studying towards a recognised post-graduate qualification (level 6/7) in counselling, psychotherapy or art therapy with a focus on children and young people
- Have experience of working or volunteering with children and young people
- Have received their 'readiness to practice' from their training organisation
- Hold an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (with children's barred list). Blue Smile can arrange this if required.
- Hold a professional indemnity insurance policy

Next steps:

We ask you to complete an application form as part of our safer recruitment procedure.

You'll find our application pack on our website, www.bluesmile.org.uk.

We interview suitable candidates and follow up with 2 satisfactory references and safer recruitment checks.

All trainee therapists receive an induction to Blue Smile and to their placement school.

If you have any questions please contact Vicki Osborne, Blue Smile's Clinical Administration and Recruitment Manager on email: vicki.osborne@bluesmile.org.uk.

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blue smile is a children's mental health charity with the mission to improve the mental wellbeing and prospects of Cambridgeshire children through arts based therapies.

We have over 70 clinical workers, working in teams and as individuals in schools in Cambridgeshire, giving vital therapy and mentoring to children.