## Person Specification Registered Health Play Specialist (Band 4)

Specification	Essential	Desirable	Identified by
Professional Qualifications/ Training	FdA Healthcare Play Specialism/ Professional Diploma in Specialised Play for Sick Children and Young People or equivalent  Registered with HPSET	Evidence of other relevant training Membership of NAHPS (National Association of Health Play Specialists)	Application Form  Professional Certificates  Registration
Experience/ Knowledge	Evidence of expertise in working as an effective member of a Multi-Disciplinary Team.  Understanding of therapeutic play and its relevance to the hospitalised child.	Documented evidence of Continuing professional development.  Experience of working with adolescents and children with special needs including those with challenging behaviour.  Knowledge and understanding of patient participation and feedback.	Application Form  Portfolio  Interview
Personal Qualities	A full understanding and ability to apply play preparation, distraction therapy and post procedural play skills.  Able to communicate effectively with professionals, children, young people and families.  Good Interpersonal skills.	Basic counselling skills  Training and Presentation skills	Application form  Value Based Interview  References
Skills and Aptitude.	Able to function effectively in challenging situations.  Effective verbal and written communication skills.		Application form Interview References

	Good organisational skills.  Approachable and friendly.  Able to use initiative and be able to cope and adjust to change.  Knowledge of principles of clinical governance and professional code of conduct and its application in practice.	Basic IT skills	
Circumstances	Able to work flexibly to meet with the needs of the service in conjunction with other members of the team.		Application form Interview