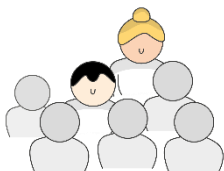


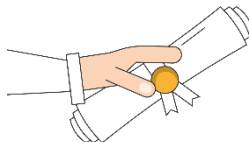
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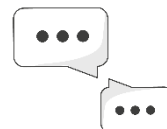
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# INTRODUCTION FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENER



Dear applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in working with Children's Hearings Scotland.

As an organisation that works within the Children's Hearings System, we are passionate about making a positive contribution to improving the outcomes of Scotland's children and young people.

Our vision is of a hearings system where everyone works together. This makes sure that all children and young people are loved, cared for and protected and that their views are heard, respected and valued. We are currently rolling out a range of projects that will see us transform the way we work, helping us to achieve our vision. It is a truly exciting time to join Children's Hearings Scotland.



It is an enormous privilege to lead this organisation, and we are committed to shaping a modern Children's Hearings System that meets the needs of Scotland's children and young people.

Good luck with your application.

Elliot Jackson  
National Convener and Chief Executive Officer

# ABOUT US



Children's Hearings Scotland recruits, trains and supports around 2,500 skilled volunteer Panel Members who sit on children's hearings and make decisions with and for vulnerable children and young people across Scotland.



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### WHAT IS THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS SYSTEM?

Scotland's unique Children's Hearings System are legal meetings set up because there are concerns about the wellbeing or care of an infant, child or young person. Their problems are addressed in a legal tribunal where Panel Members, recruited and trained by Children's Hearings Scotland (CHS), decide on the best outcome for the child involved while upholding and promoting their rights.



### WHAT WE DO AT CHS

Children's Hearings Scotland (CHS) **recruits, trains and supports** around 2,500 Panel Members across Scotland who are supported by regional Area Support Teams (AST). Panel Members make legal decisions with, and for, children and young people in children's hearings and AST members provide support and guidance to these Panel Members locally. You may have heard of us being referred to as the Children's Panel too.

CHS is lead by our National Convener and Chief Executive, Elliott Jackson.





The Children's Hearings System has been in operation in Scotland since 1971, in 2020, Scotland made **The Promise**. The Promise is that Scotland's children and young people will grow up loved, safe and respected.

Reform of the Children's Hearings System is leading to a number of changes.

- We are strengthening our support structures for volunteers.
- Scottish Government is delivering legislation that brings all under 18s into the Children's Hearings System to comply with United Nations Conventions.
- CHS and partners are working with the Scottish Government, and The Promise Scotland, to deliver the widest range of changes to the Children's Hearings System since it was created.

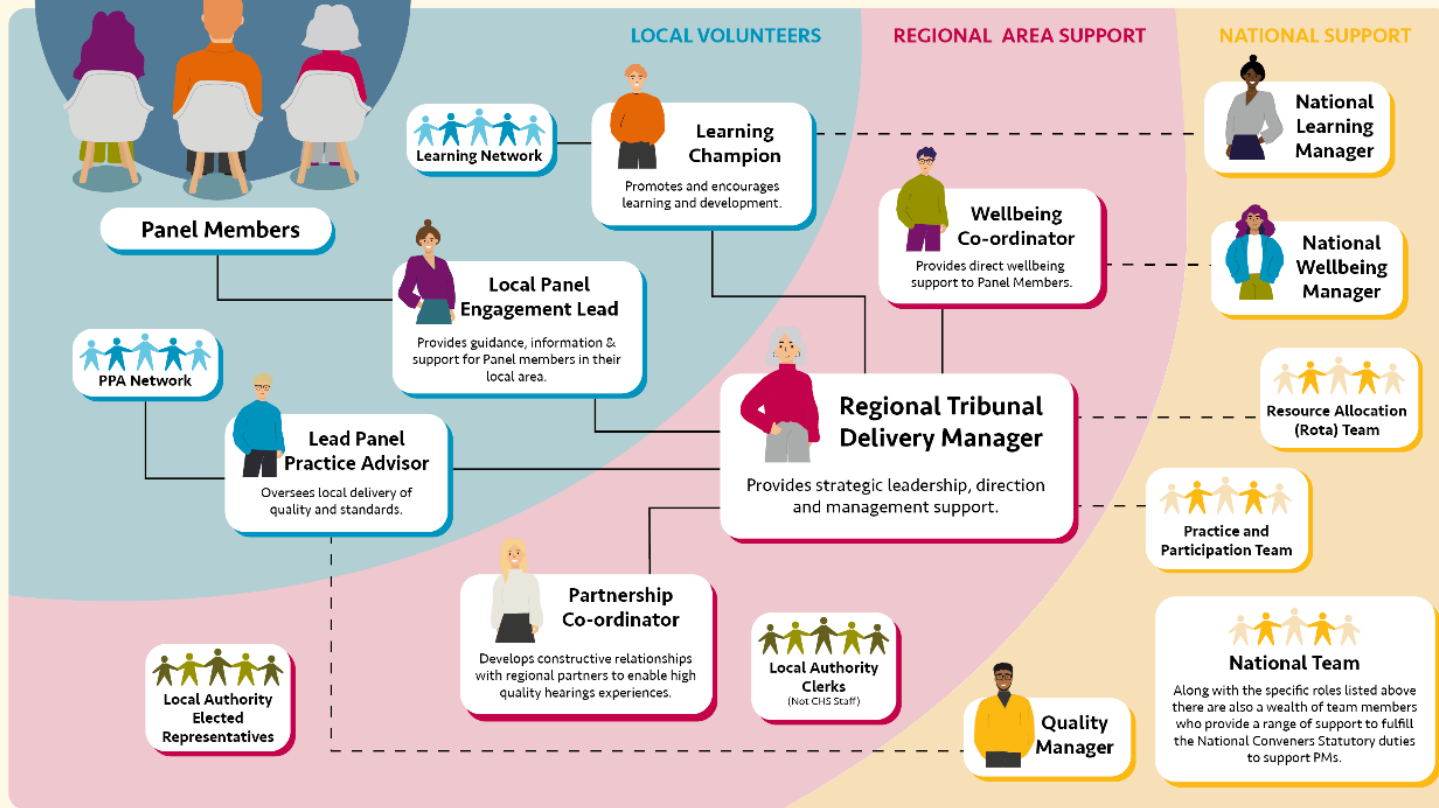
All this helps ensure we have the right structures along with the skills, knowledge and expertise required to make some of the most difficult and transformative decisions about children's lives and futures.

Although this is a lot to take on, it's done with a singular goal - improving the lives of infants, children and young people.

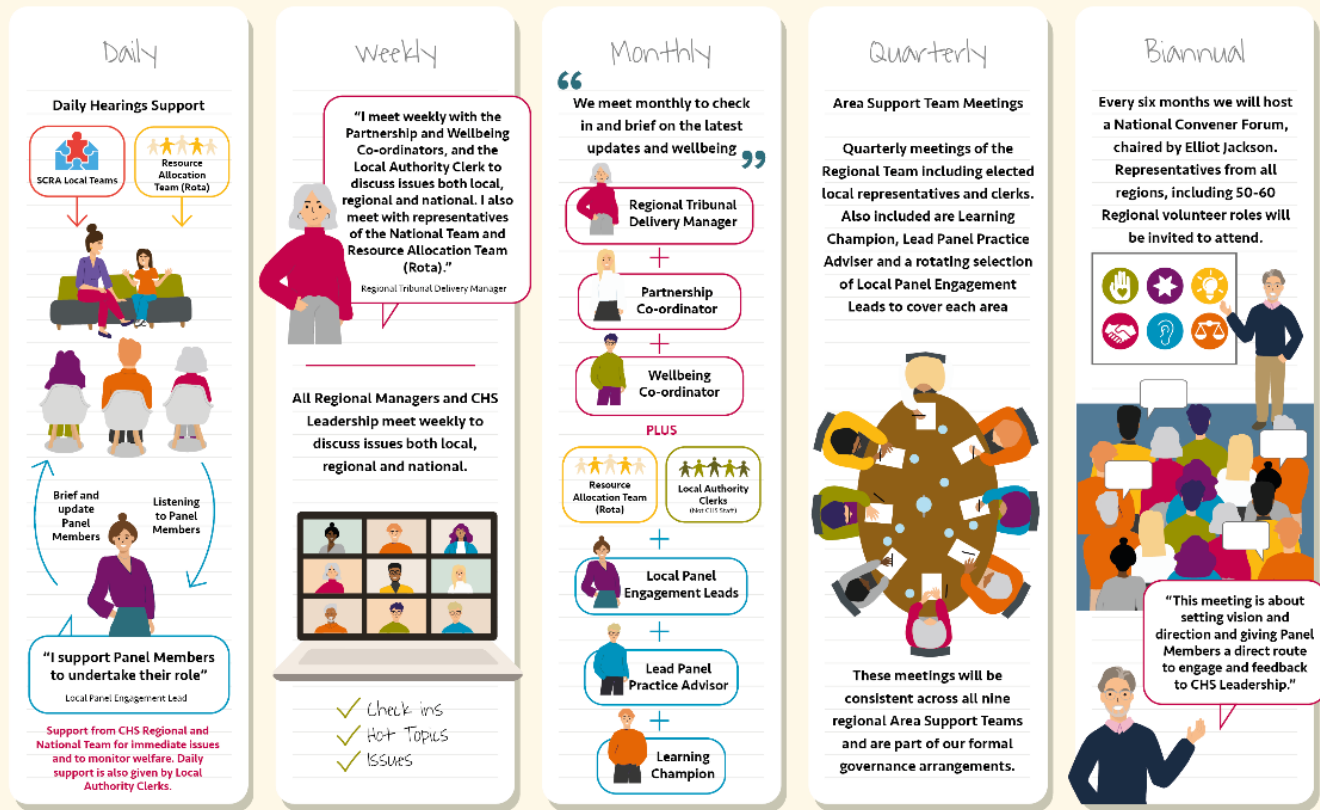
**Together, we will deliver on that promise to make Scotland to be the best place to grow up. As a Panel Member, you can be part of it too.**

## HOW CHS SUPPORTS OUR PANEL MEMBERS

Behind every Panel Member that is making decisions for and with infants, children and young people, is a **Regional Area Support Team (AST)** to provide support, learning and wellbeing of Panel Members. The Regional Area Support Team (AST) is the operational group that manages the effective delivery of CHS's statutory functions in one of nine geographical localities across Scotland.



## HOW WE WORK TOGETHER AT CHILDREN'S HEARINGS SCOTLAND



## OUR VISION

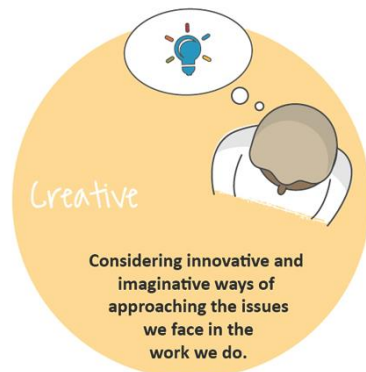


Our vision is of a Children's Hearings System where everyone works together, making sure that all children and young people are loved, cared for and protected and their views are heard, respected and valued.

## OUR VALUES



Our values sit alongside our vision and mission and are threaded throughout everything we do.



# COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION



Thank you for your interest in joining our team at Children's Hearings Scotland. We are also known as CHS.

This application form has been designed to ensure compliance with legislation and best practice. The processing of all information will be in accordance with the requirement of the [Data Protection Act 2018](#). The information you provide on your application form will only be used as part of the selection procedure and for any subsequent employment administration if your application is successful.

For further details on how your information will be handled please refer to our [privacy statement](#). If any part of the form is unclear, please contact us at [jobs@chs.gov.scot](mailto:jobs@chs.gov.scot).

We are striving to be an equal opportunities employer with a diverse workforce which is representative of the population we serve. We are committed to embedding a culture of equality and diversity into our organisation and ensuring that all job applicants and employees are treated fairly, without discrimination because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation or any other factor.

At the end of the application form you will find our Equal Opportunities Monitoring Survey which is intended to assist CHS in maintaining equal opportunities best practice and in identifying equality barriers for job applicants. We would be grateful if you would complete it.

Employees of CHS must adhere to a detailed Staff Code of Conduct. Key principles in this are that staff:

- act in the best interests of CHS
- are honest
- are selfless
- have integrity and respect

Prior to employment, all applicants will undergo pre-employment background checks in line with the Scottish Government's Baseline Personnel Security Standards.

We may contact previous employers, educational providers, fraud prevention bodies, local authorities and government agencies as part of this process. We may also use background screening companies.



## Guidance on filling in the online application form

The form has been designed to help both the applicants and our resourcing team process applications quickly, efficiently and on a variety of devices. This application can be accessed on any device.

The application sections are detailed below. We advise you to read over them and have your information prepared on separate document you can cut and paste from, such as your CV or covering letter. Once you start the application, you will not be able to save it and return to complete it at a later stage.

CHS does not accept CVs. Please ensure you include all relevant information on this form.

### Section 1

- **Personal Information:** Please note that only your surname is required in full. Give only the initials of your first name(s).

### Section 2

- **Education and Training:** This section asks about your education and job-related training. Please give us enough details to assess your attainments in relation to the post for which you are applying.
- Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. We need a minimum of three years' job-related or education history.

### Section 3 to 7

- **Work Experience:** This section asks about your work experience with a separate section for each relevant role. We have supplied space for your most recent post as well as four previous roles.
- Please give as much detail as you feel gives us an accurate picture, both about the type of work you are/were doing and the responsibilities you have or have had. Please start with the most recent and share dates where possible.

### Section 8

- **Supplementary Information:** Please detail any further experience or information relevant to the post for which you are applying, considering the information you have been given about the post, for example the job description or person specification. Try to ensure you are clear about how you meet the essential criteria listed.

## Section 9

- **General Information:** You are asked to tell us if you are related to any member of CHS's staff or Board. This is to ensure compliance with CHS's Code of Conduct Policy.
- You are asked to tell us if you are currently eligible for employment in the UK. This is so that we can ensure compliance with the [Immigration Act 2014, Asylum and Immigration Act 1996](#) and the [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006](#) which requires organisations to ensure individuals to whom they are offering employment have permission to work in the UK. Please visit [www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa](http://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa) if you are unsure of your status.
- If you are invited to interview, you will be required to produce such evidence.
- CHS works with vulnerable persons under the age of 18 and we are required by [The Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007](#) to ensure that all of the staff we employ are suitable to work with persons under 18 or with their data. CHS is also an exempted body for the purposes of the [Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exceptions\) Order 1975](#).
- CHS must consider, prior to offering employment, any information of any spent and unspent convictions that may be relevant to the post for which you are applying. No unconditional offer of employment will be made until a satisfactory Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) clearance has been received.
- If you are the successful candidate for the post, you will be asked to complete a pre-employment health questionnaire. This questionnaire will be screened by CHS' Occupational Health Provider, who may ask you to attend for consultation.
- Formal offers of employment will be made once CHS' Occupational Health Provider has assessed the individual as "fit to work" and where appropriate any reasonable adjustments have been implemented.

## Section 10

- **References:** We request three professional references. References will only be taken up if you are shortlisted. Please indicate if you do not wish your referee(s) to be contacted at this stage.
- Please note that no unconditional offer of employment will be made until satisfactory references have been received.

## Section 11

- **Declaration:** You are asked to declare the information you provided is true to the best of your knowledge. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at

[jobs@chs.gov.scot](mailto:jobs@chs.gov.scot).

## Section 12

- **Equality Monitoring:** The information in this survey will be used for monitoring purposes only. Your responses are voluntary but the more information you supply, the more effective our monitoring of responses will be.
- This information will only be viewed by the CHS Resourcing Team and is not connected to your application form and will not be used to identify you. It will not be seen by anyone involved in interviewing or shortlisting and will be stored securely in line with the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018.
- Monitoring will help to improve our recruitment processes and enable us to be as inclusive an employer as possible.
- Please select the most applicable option in the questions and complete the open boxes where relevant. We would be grateful if you would fill in this survey.

# APPLICATION FORM



**[Complete your application form now](#)**

# JOB DESCRIPTION



<b>Reports to</b>	Tribunal Delivery Director
<b>Direct reports</b>	Regional Partnership Coordinator (one FTE) Wellbeing Coordinator (one FTE) Clerking Support (one per Local Authority area)
<b>JD last updated</b>	March 2023
<b>Role last evaluated</b>	March 2023

## OVERVIEW OF ROLE

This position is responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the designated region and contributes to organisational planning, reporting, policy and procedure implementation.

The core purpose of this role will be to provide management and support to the regional team members to deliver the National Conveners statutory duties around the provision of Children's Hearings across a dedicated region in Scotland. The role holder will be key to managing the relationship(s) between Tribunal Members who are volunteers and the organisation more broadly.

The role holder will share collective responsibility for delivering organisational objectives, through active engagement and collaboration with colleagues at all levels in the organisation.

The role holder will be expected to be an exemplar for the values of CHS including listening to and valuing the voice of children and young people, the contribution of volunteers, and ensuring a respected, quality based, and sustainable tribunal system is delivered on behalf of the National Convenor.

## MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Be a role model for effective and positive management which is results driven and future-oriented
- Promote a regional culture of cohesive and responsive service provision through effective management of direct reports and wider tribunal members
- Provide ongoing feedback, mentoring, advice and coaching to direct reports, supporting skills development, continuous improvement and increased competencies through an effective performance management framework
- Lead the delivery of services that are responsive to the regional community profile

- Delivering a stakeholder engagement strategy at a regional level
- Represent the organisation as delegated by the Director of Tribunal Delivery
- Delivering consistent policy, practice, procedure and guidance to ensure that Tribunal Members are well supported in their role

## **OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITIES**

- Ensuring appropriate corporate plans are developed and maintained, and delivery monitored and reported on as required
- Providing effective management of direct reports ensuring they receive support and the development they require to carry out their roles
- Effectively supporting volunteer Lead Tribunal Representative(s) in order to ensure Tribunal Members are supported to deliver hearings to the standards set out by CHS
- Ensuring the wellbeing of Tribunal Members is being effectively supported through the Wellbeing Co-ordinator and other relevant mechanisms
- Ensuring regional colleagues and Tribunal Members are fully up to date with the information they require to carry out their roles and any wider organisational issues
- Ensuring there is an effective flow of relevant information between the region and key internal stakeholders in the organisation and that plans are put in place to resolve operational issues
- Ensuring, and effectively contributing to the identification of people/organisations in their region with whom CHS want to have relationships and the effective building and maintenance of these relationships

## **CORE ACTIVITIES**

- Collaborate and work in conjunction with the Director of Tribunal Delivery in developing and implementing region specific plans, ensuring CHS strategic objectives are well understood and executed by regional colleagues
- Monitor and review KPIs to ensure CHS strategic objectives are met within the region
- Meeting with regional paid colleagues and Tribunal Group Leads on a one to one and team basis to review performance and progress toward any set objectives
- Analyse and respond to business information to design and implement operational improvements and respond to improvement opportunities
- Prepare accurate and timely reports for the Director of Tribunal Delivery on key performance and productivity trends within the region
- Leading and championing change required in the region in line with wider CHS strategic objectives
- Communicating key messages regarding the organisation accurately and consistently to the correct stakeholders

- Co-ordinating the team members to identify and address issues affecting the operations in their region
- Supporting the Regional Partnership Co-ordinator by meeting with key external stakeholders in their activities to maintain good relationships and resolve any operational issues identified as required
- Coordinating Tribunal Member recruitment/retention activities and planning in collaboration with the People and Culture department
- To resolve any concerns raised from the Tribunal Member Community

## PERSON SPECIFICATION



### MANAGEMENT/PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS COMPETENCIES

COMPETENCY AREA	KEY SKILLS
<b>Managing change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good project/change management skills and able to guide others in the effective management of organisational change programmes and projects</li> <li>• Ability to sustain performance under conditions of rapid change</li> <li>• Supporting others through change and having the willingness and ability to enable changes to take place in the most productive way</li> <li>• Ability to use data / MI to manage team improvements</li> </ul>
<b>Teamwork and Collaboration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effectively initiates dialogue across teams, levels, departments recognising that we have a shared responsibility to provide the best experience for our colleagues and wider stakeholders</li> <li>• Recognises the value of every contribution and area of expertise within the organisation. This includes building links and networks across teams (internally and externally)</li> <li>• Creates a supportive team environment by listening and responding to others and creating opportunities for innovation and generation of ideas and actions</li> </ul>
<b>Managing People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effectively manage, motivate and empower team(s)</li> <li>• Build and maintain high performing team(s)</li> <li>• Effectively promote a culture of employee engagement and empowerment</li> <li>• Able to deal with managing the performance of people and people issues effectively</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach and mentor others</li> <li>• Drive positive outcomes through people</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent influencing and negotiation skills</li> <li>• Ability to communicate effectively in one to one and group settings</li> <li>• Excellent report writing skills, including an ability to prepare high level reports to Senior Management</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Integrity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourages and supports open two-way communication</li> <li>• Is motivated by values and getting on with the job</li> <li>• Shows resilience that enables the team to perform to the highest standards</li> </ul>

## FUNCTIONAL/TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

COMPETENCY AREA	KEY SKILLS
<b>Financial Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small budgetary responsibility</li> </ul>
<b>Computer literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to effectively use computerised office applications including Microsoft Excel or equivalent spreadsheet software, Microsoft Word and Outlook</li> </ul>

TRACK RECORD/EXPERIENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Track record (typically three years or more) of effectively managing medium/large and complex teams</li> <li>• Significant experience at the management level of managing multi-disciplinary services across geographically diverse locations</li> <li>• Three years or more of relevant experience in stakeholder liaison/influencing activities</li> <li>• Three years or more experience in managing and developing a team or teams</li> <li>• Experience in using management information to support business planning and improvement</li> <li>• Track record of successfully managing volunteers</li> <li>• Ability to work under pressure, prioritising to handling varied workloads</li> <li>• Ability to develop and manage colleague performance/coaching</li> <li>• Excellent judgement and decision-making skills</li> <li>• Strong written and verbal communication skills</li> <li>• Proficiency in Microsoft Office, with CRM systems and project management tools</li> </ul>

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT/ QUALIFICATIONS
Educated to degree level or equivalent in a relevant qualification

Educated Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Level 9 (ordinary degree) or equivalent
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Evidence of professional development in management skills
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<b>PROFESSIONAL BODY MEMBERSHIP</b>
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N/A
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<b>OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ROLE</b>
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None
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Thank you for your interest in this position.