

Solicitor

£29,475-£35,505 pa depending on experience (pro rata, 30 hrs pw) + excellent benefits

Newcastle

Closing date: 18 March 2018 at 11.30 pm

We're looking for a qualified **Solicitor** or experienced **Housing Adviser** with experience of handling a wide range of housing cases, to join our Legal Services team and enable those in housing need to enforce their rights and challenge the limits of the law.

Shelter helps millions of people every year struggling with bad housing or homelessness through our advice, support and legal services. And we campaign to make sure that, one day, no one will have to turn to us for help. We're here so no one has to fight bad housing or homelessness on their own.

Our advice centre in Newcastle delivers services across the North East offering a range of housing advice interventions, including a specialist Legal Aid Agency Housing Advice contract and a contract with British Gas to provide fuel poverty advice. A great chance to use your expertise to deliver a specialist legal casework service in housing law, including litigation and consultancy work, you'll also be part of the national legal services team at one of the UK's leading charities.

About the Role

As a Solicitor or experienced Housing Adviser you'll take on a varied caseload that includes dealing with emergency cases and identifying and carrying out strategic litigation. We'll also rely on you to provide consultancy work, technical supervision and line management and delegate work to ensure it's carried out efficiently and to the highest standard. Carrying out court representation, including at Housing Duty Possession Schemes, will be important too, as will ensuring funding is maximised on each case. And, when it comes to training and developing others, promoting our legal services or identifying referrals from internal and external sources, again, we'll count on you to deliver.

About you

Used to working on public and private sector cases on issues including homelessness, security of tenure and possession proceedings, you have sound knowledge of publicly funded Legal Aid work, including legal representation and legal help. The ability to establish priorities and develop clear plans to achieve your goals is also required, as are excellent listening, communication and problem solving skills, sensitivity to the needs of others and a genuine interest in their views. As well as Solicitors and those working towards authorised litigator status, we welcome applications from experienced housing advisers.

Benefits include 30 days' annual leave (pro rata), the possibility of flexible working, enhanced family friendly policies and significant opportunities for learning and development.

Safeguarding is everyone's business. Shelter is committed to protecting the health, wellbeing and human rights of those we support, and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. All our staff will be expected to observe professional standards of behaviour and conduct their work in line with our Safeguarding Policies.

At Shelter, we welcome and encourage applications from everyone regardless of age, disability, gender, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. We are facing diverse problems, so need diverse people to tackle them.

Shelter does not accept unsolicited CVs from external recruitment agencies nor accept the fees associated with them.