

# Role of the psychologist in the social services.

## Castle Priory College - Differences of Counseling, Social Work, & Psychology

**Terms of Reference - Clinical Psychologist**

**1. Background**

Montserrat is a UK Overseas Territory in the Eastern Caribbean with a population of 4,000 people. The on-going volcanic eruptions, which began in 1995, destroyed the capital city and the airport and many people have been forced to leave the island unwillingly. A significant number have moved elsewhere in the North, particularly to the UK where many still live in the 19th century towns of St. John's and Plymouth. The population has declined from around 50,000 before the eruptions to just over 4,000 now. The population is predominantly Christian and has a Christian Council that speaks on behalf of many of the churches that it represents.

This population has necessarily been joined by other nationals from countries notably from Guyana, Jamaica, Haiti, Santa Domingo, Puerto Rico and other nations where persons have been displaced by conflict or natural disaster. This has created a multi-cultural society. The influx of persons from other cultures has brought challenges of language and other cultural issues. The last census, completed in 2012/13, revealed that 27% are non-nationals.

The provision of social services on Montserrat is the responsibility of the Social Services Department. The Social Services Department is responsible for the delivery of services to the community. The Community Service Department, the CSD now reflects the different orientation of the Department's work since the volcanic crisis some seventeen years ago. The focus over the past two years has been to introduce professional social work practice into the work of different with all client groups.

Recent events on the Island related to child protection have highlighted the need for a Central Register of Children in Care. This will be developed by the Social Services Department and the Family and Protection of Child Abuse Currently limited therapeutic support is provided by the Paediatric Support Unit under the guidance of the Educational Psychologist and visiting Psychotherapists.

**Mental health** services on Island are run by a mental health nurse practitioner and mental health nurse with the quarterly support of a visiting psychiatrist. The therapeutic interventions are aimed at the relief of symptoms of depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions. There are no formal use of psychological therapies or cognitive behaviour therapy known now to provide the first choice in depressive illness/mania. Services for drugs and alcohol misuse are incorporated into the mental health service to a limited extent.

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### The Role of Social Services in Child Protection Cases

It is important to note that Social Services will only remove a child if they believe it is in the best interests of the child because they are at risk of being harmed.

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Understanding the science of psychology can help students in their careers and their lives. Not only could they get themselves into harm, but they could cause damage to people around them.

### The Roles and Responsibilities of Social Workers

Social Services is the department who have the responsibility to safeguard and protect children and adults in a domestic setting. Psychologists have extensive training in psychological theory, meaning they are well equipped to assist families and individuals by observing behavior and applying theories that they feel will best help those families. The annual salary will be largely dependent upon the place of employment.

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There is also a well-developed continuing professional development programme for Psychological Service staff based on service needs outlined in the development plan and individual needs identified through on-going professional review. In general, counseling sessions help to discuss, put in perspective, better understand, and cope with troubling issues that somehow relate to or affect the treatment of epilepsy. The investigation allows Social Services to determine lawyer any additional action or further support needs to be arranged to ensure the welfare of your child.

### Social Workers And Counselors

In fact, research has shown that students are more likely to seek counseling when services are available in schools.

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