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Thank you for your interest in the **Child and Family Specialist (Play Therapist)** role within Brent's SEND Outreach Service.

This guidance is intended to support candidates in preparing their supporting statement and understanding the key areas that will be assessed as part of the application process.

Please refer to the full Job Description to review the complete criteria for the role.

The criteria outlined below will be assessed at application stage.

How to Apply

- **Answer all pre-screening questions** - In addition to answering the questions, candidates should also ensure their supporting statement clearly addresses the criteria **outlined in the supporting statement** guidance below.

Submit supporting statement addressing the assessment areas set out below

- **Submit a CV**
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Supporting Statement Guidance

Your supporting statement should provide clear examples from your professional experience that demonstrate your knowledge, skills and impact in relation to the role.

You do not need to respond to each point individually; however, your statement should clearly evidence the following areas:

Knowledge and Qualifications

1. A recognised qualification in Play Therapy, Therapeutic Play, Child Psychotherapy, or a related field.
 2. Relevant professional registration/accreditation (or working towards).
 3. Strong understanding of child development, attachment theory, and trauma-informed practice.
 4. Knowledge of safeguarding legislation, policies, and procedures.
 5. Understanding of the role of play in emotional and psychological development.
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Experience

Please provide examples demonstrating:

1. Experience of working directly with children and young people with emotional, behavioural, or developmental needs.
 2. Experience of delivering play-based or therapeutic interventions.
 3. Experience of multi-agency working within children's services.
 4. Experience of working with children who have experienced trauma, neglect, or adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).
 5. Experience supporting children with SEND or neurodiverse profiles.
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Important Note

Your supporting statement should focus on providing relevant evidence and practical examples that demonstrate how your experience and knowledge aligns with the essential application requirements of the role.

We encourage candidates to focus on the impact of their work, their professional approach and the outcomes achieved.

