

PERSON SPECIFICATION – MEDICO LEGAL ADVISER

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate in their application that they meet all of the **essential** criteria and as many of the **desirable** criteria as possible.

Essential Criteria

- The ability to understand complex medical issues and medical expert reports
- Computer literate, including use and maintenance of databases. (Some additional training can be provided)
- Good communication skills in writing, face to face, and on the telephone
- Ability to work on own initiative and as a member of a team
- Ability to work with tact, empathy and understanding with people who are vulnerable or traumatised by their experience of medical harm
- A demonstrable interest in the aims of AvMA
- Commitment to principles of equal opportunities and diversity

Desirable Criteria

- Health professional qualification with clinical experience
- Experience of clinical negligence and/or other medico-legal cases gained as a solicitor, paralegal, or clinical screener/adviser
- Some knowledge or experience of the law and/or procedures relating to medico- legal disputes and Inquests
- Experience of dealing with NHS Complaints
- Knowledge and/or experience of dealing with issues relating to professional regulation fitness to practice procedures
- Knowledge of mental health law
- Previous experience of advice work
- Previous experience of working on a helpline

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