

Job Description

General Details

Job title:	Cleaner – Halls (ECSR18-03a)
School/Service:	Estates and Commercial Services
Normal Workbase:	Stoke
Tenure:	Permanent
Hours	Part time working 20 hours per week
Grade:	Grade 2
Date Prepared:	October 2018

Job Purpose

To support the Facilities Management team in maintaining the communal areas of Halls of Residence in a clean, tidy and secure internal and external environment. To provide domestic services to the University's buildings in accordance with the University Cleaning Specification. To provide excellent levels of customer care. To carry out regular inspections of kitchens and bathrooms, keeping records and escalating any issues to the Cleaning Manager

Relationships

Reporting to:	Cleaning Supervisor - Halls
Responsible for:	n/a

Main Activities

1. Undertake individually or as part of a team, the cleaning of common areas and vacated rooms of the Halls of Residence in accordance to the required standards and specification
2. Carry out regular inspections of kitchens and bathrooms and report to the cleaning manager and keep accurate records of inspections and findings
3. To ensure that the areas are kept in a clean and hygienic condition. This will include washing, sweeping, vacuum cleaning, emptying litter/rubbish/ recycling bins, polishing, dusting, carpet cleaning, window cleaning, and using the necessary powered equipment where appropriate.
4. Maintain and clean all powered equipment and general equipment used for cleaning and ensure that it is in a safe condition. Ensure all rechargeable equipment is placed on appropriate charge post use to ensure continuity of service
5. Report any area where faulty equipment, maintenance issues or defects are found

6. Use the correct cleaning materials and dilution rates together with the safe handling of all products using resources in the most cost effective and appropriate manner
7. Undertake manual handling as instructed to facilitate the movement of furniture or equipment
8. Ensure that scheduled work is completed within agreed timescales
9. Work in compliance with Health and Safety regulations and good working practices
10. Reporting of repairs required to cleaning equipment and identified faults and/or repairs required in allocated areas. Attending relevant staff development training courses as directed
11. Provide excellent levels of customer care to colleagues, staff, students and visitors to the University
12. Any other reasonable duties, as may be required from time to time, by the Head of Facilities Management or their nominated deputy

Special Conditions

Every member of our team makes a difference to our customer's experience. You will come across customers as you walk around our Estate and in every interaction you have throughout the working day; we rely on all of our staff to be diligent, helpful, kind and courteous to all our customers, colleagues and each other.

Please read this job description thoroughly before submitting your application. As well as meeting the essential requirements of the person specification, be sure that you can demonstrate commitment to our values, teamwork, reliable attendance, dedication and the ability to show diligence, care and respect to our customers, visitors and colleagues.

This is a permanent full time post working 37 hours over a 7 day week on a shift basis, although requests for part-time hours will be considered. There is a requirement to work an agreed shift pattern which includes nights, weekends and bank holidays.

Within the context of the main activities, some manual handling will be required.

There could be a requirement to travel between University sites, which may be altered as the changing needs of the service require.

Professional Development

The organisation is keen to support staff in achieving high standards and will expect continuous professional development to ensure up to date knowledge and technical skills in related areas.

Variation to Job Description

The employer reserves the right to vary the duties and responsibilities of its employees within the general conditions of the Scheme of pay and conditions and employment related matters. Thus, it must be appreciated that the duties and responsibilities outlined above may be altered as the changing needs of the service may require.

Conditions of Service

Staffordshire University Services Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary company of Staffordshire University which provides professional support staff to undertake various roles and responsibilities associated with grades 1 to 6 on the Staffordshire University pay scale. You'll work alongside, and under the direction of colleagues, within the

University's Schools and Services in the delivery of our University Plan and supporting KPIs. You will be subject to Staffordshire University's policies and procedures and will be eligible to participate in the Staffordshire University Pension Scheme.

Application Procedure

We encourage you to apply on-line at our website <http://jobs.staffs.ac.uk> as the system is user friendly and simple to complete.

We would ask all applicants to ensure that they have provided comprehensive information under each criteria in the Supporting Statements section of the application form and, if necessary, add any relevant additional information in the Additional Information Section.

Guidance for Disclosure Applicants

Please note that, if offered this position, the appointment procedure requires an Enhanced level of Disclosure with the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) (formerly CRB) as detailed above in the enclosed job description.

Enhanced Disclosures are for posts that involve a significant degree of contact with children or vulnerable adults. In general the type of work will involve regularly caring for, supervising, training or being in sole charge of such people.

A Disclosure is a document containing information held by the police and government departments. It can be used by employers to make safer recruitment decisions and is provided by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), an executive agency of the Home Office. Disclosures will provide details of a person's criminal record including relevant cautions, convictions, reprimands and warnings held on the Police National Computer (PNC). Depending on the level of Disclosure it might also contain information held by government departments and local police forces.

In applying for a Disclosure the successful applicant will be provided with the relevant form and guidance notes supplied by DBS. The form must be completed and returned to Personnel Services together with various **original** documents confirming identity (full details will be provided at the time). The successful applicant will be required to disclose all reprimands, warnings, cautions and convictions that are not 'protected' as defined by the *Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2013*. Certain spent reprimands, warnings, convictions and cautions are 'protected' and as such are not required to be disclosed. Any such protected offences cannot be taken into account, when making recruitment and suitability decisions.

The completed Disclosure application form will be countersigned and forwarded to the DBS by Personnel Services.

The DBS will then undertake the necessary checks with the Police and other relevant authorities.

After all checks have been carried out, the DBS will send the Disclosure directly to the applicant, which will list any details obtained from those checks. This Disclosure must be presented to the Faculty to be scrutinised- details of whom this document must be presented to will be given at the time. In the event of the DBS check highlighting information held on any of the databases accessed, it may be necessary for a meeting to be convened with the successful applicant in order for an informed decision to be made as to whether or not this affects the offer of appointment. The final decision as to whether appointment can proceed will be made by the Director of Human Resources.

Policy Statement on the Recruitment and Employment of Ex-Offenders

Background

The first priority of Staffordshire University is the safety and welfare of children and vulnerable adults in our care, who use the services of the University or come into contact with members of the University. We intend to achieve this by exercising rigour and vigilance in employment-making; criminal record Disclosures are central to this.

Recipients of criminal record Disclosures must duly comply with the DBS Code of Practice as well as the University's policies and procedures. Disclosure information will be treated as sensitive personal data; recipients will follow the University's data protection and criminal record checking procedure when handling Disclosure information. The University will treat all applicants fairly judging people's criminal records on merit, in accordance with the law and in relation to the responsibilities of the post in question. The University will not subject anyone who discloses a criminal record to unfair treatment on the basis of convictions, subject to relevant legislation and reasonable judgement.

Policy Statement

- As an organisation using the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Disclosure service to assess applicants' suitability for positions of trust, Staffordshire University complies fully with the DBS Code of Practice and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly. It undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a Disclosure on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed
- Staffordshire University is committed to the fair treatment of its staff, potential staff or users of its services, regardless of gender, race, nationality, religion or belief, disability, age, sexual orientation or trades union activity or offending background
- We have a written policy on the employment of ex-offenders which is available on the University's website
- We actively promote equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of talent, skills and potential and welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, including those with criminal records. We select all candidates for interview based on their skills, qualifications and experience
- A Disclosure is only requested after a thorough risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position concerned. For those positions where a Disclosure is required, all job advertisements and job descriptions will contain a statement that a disclosure will be requested in the event of the individual being offered the position
- Where a Disclosure is to form part of the recruitment process, we encourage all applicants called for interview to provide details of their criminal record at an early stage in the application process. We request that this information is sent under separate, confidential cover, to Personnel Services at Staffordshire University, and we guarantee that this information will only be seen by those who need to see it as part of the recruitment process
- Disclosure is required for all reprimands, warnings, cautions and convictions that are not 'protected' as defined by the *Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2013*. Certain spent reprimands, warnings, convictions and cautions are 'protected' and as such are not required to be disclosed. Any such protected offences cannot be taken into account, when making recruitment and suitability decisions
- We ensure that those at Staffordshire University who are involved in the recruitment process have been suitable trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of the offences. We also ensure that they have received appropriate training and guidance in the relevant legislation relating to the employment of

ex-offenders

- At interview, or in a separate discussion, we ensure that an open and measured discussion takes place on the subject of any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position. Failure to reveal information that is directly relevant to the position sought could lead to a withdrawal of an offer of employment
- We make every subject of a DBS Disclosure aware of the existence of the DBS Code of Practice and make a copy available on request
- We undertake to discuss any matter revealed in a Disclosure with the person seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment

Having a criminal record is not necessarily a bar to working with us; this will depend on the nature of the position, the circumstances and background of offences.