Ashdale Care (Ireland) provides specialist therapeutic residential services for young people with complex, emotional, and behavioural problems who cannot be adequately cared for in a mainstream setting.

The Psychologist supports the implementation and maintenance of Attachment and Trauma Informed Practice across the Residential Homes within Ashdale Care Ireland. This support includes: –

* Provision of Psychological Assessments, Training, Supervision, and input into the Care Planning process to improve the psychological health of all young people resident in our homes.
* Provision of evidence-based therapeutic work with individual children, young people and in small groups.
* Attendance at Individual Placement Plan meetings to provide psychological overview on each young person’s care plan.
* Preparation of Psychological Formulations and reports to inform Social Work Departments on progress within the placement and / or changing needs of the young person over time.
* Regular communication with colleagues in the Residential Homes, Operational Management, and Clinical Team
* Support for colleagues through Team Reflective Spaces.
* Promotion of well-being within the organisational culture for both colleagues and young people.

They will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team, collaborating with, but also supporting, the residential care teams and management.

### **Essential:**

* Fully registered or Chartered with PSI, BPS or HCPC
* Accredited postgraduate master’s or Doctorate degree in Psychology
* Competency in completing comprehensive psychological assessments, including the use of appropriate tools for children and adolescents with developmental, behavioural, learning, relational/attachment, and emotional difficulties.
* Competence in evidence-based psychological therapies and interventions relevant to child and adolescent populations
* Demonstrated experience and skill working with children and adolescents with developmental, behavioural, learning, relational/attachment, and emotional difficulties.
* Ability to work both independently and as an effective member of a multidisciplinary team.
* Excellent communication skills.
* Computer literate.
* Full driving license.

**Desirable:**

* Experience working with families where there are significant attachment difficulties.
* Experience working with developmental trauma.
* Experience in an educational / clinical / counselling environment.
* Experience working with clients exhibiting difficulties with emotional regulation.
* Experience working within a residential and/or fostering care context.
* Experience in the application of Dialectical Behaviour Therapy, Attachment-Based Family Therapy, Emotion-Focused Family Therapy, Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy, Motivation Interviewing, and/or other systemic or family therapy approaches.