

little brainstrust Support Specialist

**Leeds or London based, scope for home working
£24,000 - £26,000 (dependent on experience)**

We have an exciting story, an exciting future, and you could be a part of it.

Each year, more than 500 brain tumours are reported in children age 0 to 19 years in the UK. Although the incidence is less common compared with other childhood cancers, brain tumours are the most common solid childhood tumour. More importantly, brain tumours are the most lethal childhood cancer, are hard to treat and hard to diagnose, and children who survive face unique challenges in the short and longer term. Interesting. But we know that these statistics don't help you on the day you are told 'you have a brain tumour'.

We know a brain tumour diagnosis is confusing, isolating and overwhelming. We know these problems are exacerbated by not being able to access care and information quickly and easily. And we also know that access to proactive support, and good information can improve knowledge and understanding, reduce anxiety, increase preparedness for events, instil control and improve satisfaction with treatment in our brain tumour community. That's why we're here.

This is an exciting opportunity to have real influence. You can make a big impact in a small and stable (but growing) charity as we continue to carve out a new sector for brain tumour support.

Working closely with the Director of Services, you will be trained to deliver *brainstrust's* revered, impartial and impactful coaching and information service for families and children who are living with a brain tumour. You will continue to coordinate, deliver and develop a nationally recognised, effective and useful brand (Little Brainstrust) that will make a real difference for every child and young person living with a brain tumour.

You will extend the reach of a truly useful and effective support and information service, bring creativity and innovative ways of working with this community, which is, at times hard to connect. You will help Brainstrust to become the first port of call for every carer of every child in the UK who is living with, or diagnosed with, a brain tumor.

If successful, you will play a key role in helping us towards our vision to be readily available to as many of the 60,000 people in the UK who are living with a brain tumour, and their carers.

You will be an excellent communicator, face-to-face, phone or email. You recognise the importance of listening, and you will be the sort of person that brings focus and calm to difficult situations. Prioritising your workload will be second nature, and you will be

energised and driven by a passion for learning, and making life better for those with a long term and/or serious illness.

A degree is not essential, but a caring or communication skills qualification is desirable. It is important that you have a high standard of writing, and that you are on good terms with your computer, particularly MS office, email and maybe even salesforce.com or similar case management tools.

Apply now

Please send your CV and a covering letter to helen@brainstrust.org.uk

If you would like to talk about the role, please email on the above address with a contact number; Helen will get back to you.

Closing date: Friday, 18 May 2018. Interviews will be early June.

Please, strictly no agencies.