

**Rape & Sexual Abuse (RASA) Centre**  
**Assessment Officer and Counsellor– Person Specification**

RASA MERSEYSIDE



CRITERIA	KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
<b>Qualifications &amp; Training</b>	Diploma in Counselling (essential) Member of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (essential) Evidence of continuing professional development in safeguarding (Essential)
<b>Experience</b>	Experience of working with Adults who have experienced sexual abuse (essential) Experience of working in a busy client focussed environment. (Essential) Experience of working with complex data monitoring and recording systems (Essential) Experience of multi-agency working, including children’s social care, police, education (essential) To work within a multi-agency setting to provide a pro-active service to victims of sexual violence within and outside of the criminal justice system (essential)
<b>Knowledge</b>	Knowledge of the impact of sexual abuse (essential) Knowledge of the criminal justice process (desirable) Knowledge of safeguarding policies and procedures (essential) Knowledge of and ability to work with issues of consent, confidentiality, and capacity (essential)
<b>Skills/Abilities</b>	Ability to manage own caseload effectively (essential) Ability to work in a non-judgemental way (essential) Ability to liaise in a professional manner with agencies and individuals at all levels (essential) An understanding of the politics of sexual violence (essential) An understanding of mental health issues as they affect survivors of sexual violence (essential) An understanding of the cause and variety of self-harm (desirable) Ability to work in a multi-agency context (essential) Effective listening skills (essential) Good written and oral communication skills (essential)

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	Be informed of current legislation around the sexual violence political agenda, government intentions, SARCs, ISVAs etc (essential)
<b>Other</b>	Access to a car for extensive travel between centres and other appropriate venues (essential)