



**You Talk,  
We Listen**  
Croydon Drop In

**PIPUK**<sup>®</sup>  
Parent Infant Partnership  
Registered Charity No: 1152802



**Croydon Best Start Parent Infant Partnership (PIP) in Partnership with CDI**

## **Clinical Lead 21 hours per week**

**£42 951 - £44 766 (36 hours) pro rata for 21 hours actual salary £25,055 - £26,114**

***Croydon Drop In provides support for families and young people through Advocacy, Information, Counselling, and Outreach***

***If you are enthusiastic, enjoy working with and have a desire to assist in the empowerment of families, then we would like to hear from you.***

Research shows that the early years are the most influential time in the development of a child, when their brain grows the fastest and when love and security are crucial.

### **This is an exciting time to work in Croydon!**

A partnership approach is bringing together key services including health visiting, children's centres, early years and the voluntary sector into an integrated service model. The aim is to provide the best start possible to babies, young children and their carers.

The Croydon Best Start model will offer an effective and responsive service, strengthening the way that agencies work together using evidence of "what works" as a whole system enabling the whole to be more than the sum of the parts.

As part of this innovative development Croydon Best Start has been successful in securing support from PIP UK. Work is underway with Croydon Drop In (CDI) to establish a local PIP Service which will sit within the Best Start Programme

To progress this exciting project we are seeking a PIP Clinical Lead, whose role will be to develop and embed the clinical model of parent - infant practice within the Best Start Programme. Working with families, the operational lead, local partners, the Best Start leadership team and PIP UK, you will ensure babies, young children and their parent/carers in Croydon have the best chances of success possible.

The PIP Clinical Lead will ensure that high standards of psychodynamically informed parent infant psychotherapy is delivered by the clinical team and provide consultation and training to the Croydon Best Start workforce in relation to attachment theory/practice and parent child relationships. The service will be delivered in families' homes, children's centres and community settings across the borough.

The post holder will share practice and learning within the PIP UK network and represent Croydon Best Start PIP at national and local learning events.

Applicants should be able to evidence training and experience working within Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy or Adult Psychotherapy leading to full accreditation with a recognised professional body

**Or**

Are required to hold a Doctoral level equivalent qualification in Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy or adult Psychotherapy at an accredited ACP recognised training school.

For information regarding Parent Infant Partnerships (PIP) you can visit  
<http://www.pipuk.org.uk/Home.aspx>

or

For information informing the Croydon Best Start programme  
[http://www.croydonobservatory.org/needs\\_assessment/](http://www.croydonobservatory.org/needs_assessment/)

For further information about the role please contact Debby MacCormack, Locality Early Help Strategic Manager at [debby.maccormack@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:debby.maccormack@croydon.gov.uk)  
or telephone 0208 604 7536

**For an Application Form and Person Specification,**  
please contact [enquiries@croydondropin.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@croydondropin.org.uk)  
or call Nicola Newman on 0208 680 0404

Please take note of the following dates:

<b>Closing date:</b>	<b>Sunday 24 January 2016</b>
Shortlisting will be during week beginning:	Monday 25 January 2016.
Shortlisted applicants will be informed by:	Friday 29 January 2016.
<b>Interviews will take place on:</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>