

Job Title & Grade	Child Art Therapist
Campaign Reference #	103010
Closing Date	Sunday, 20 th September 2026 by 23:45 pm
Duration of Post	Permanent Part-time
Advertisement Type	External
Specific T&C's of post	5/5 21 hours per standard working week Annual Leave: 29 days per annum pro-rata Remuneration is in accordance with the salary scale approved by the Department of Health: Current salary scale with effect from 1st June 2026: Grade 3017 SOCIAL WORKER, Code 3017, as per 1st June 2026, starting at Point 1 €51,127 pro-rata and rising annually in increments: €54,510 56,321 58,972 61,647 64,339 67,028 69,715 72,407 73,811LSI pro-rata
Location of post	CHI at Tallaght

Reporting Arrangements	This post will report to Principal Psychotherapist Alders Unit, Tallaght
Key Working Relationships	The post holder will work closely with: All members of the Clinical MDT, The Alders Unit Tallaght <i>Please note that this list is not exhaustive and key working relationships will change as the project moves from service development, construction completion, commissioning & transitioning to steady state.</i>
Purpose of the Role	The purpose of this post is to: - Provide Art Therapy to Children affected by Child Sexual Abuse within an MDT setting. - To communicate with and support the child's family as needed. <i>The successful candidate may be required to work across CHI sites and services in line with organisational requirements and the development of the new children's hospital and associated services.</i>
Principal Duties and Responsibilities	Professional Duties and Responsibilities: - The post holder will be expected to live CHI values and be child-centered, compassionate, progressive and will act with respect, excellence and integrity. - The post holder will be expected to abide by CHI values and be child-centered, compassionate, progressive and will act with respect, excellence and integrity. - The post holder will be expected to assess clients and their family's needs in order to formulate and review a case plan. - The post holder will be competent at identifying, managing and reporting any child protection concerns according to Child Protection guidelines.

	The post holder will be competent at MDT: case planning, group reflective practice, group supervision. <i>The above is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to them from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.</i>		
Specific Requirements / Exposures for this post:	Includes (tick all that apply): ☐ Driving ☐ Working at height ☐ Regular VDU work ☐ Night working ☐ Food handling ☐ Working with Ionising radiation ☐ Other (please specify): ☒ None Applicable:	Exposure to (tick all that apply): ☐ Noise (>80dBA) ☐ Cytotoxic drugs ☐ Respiratory sensitisers ☐ Vibrating equipment ☐ Other (please specify): ☒ None Applicable:	Consists of (tick all that apply): ☒ Contact with patients ☐ Patient moving and handling ☐ Inanimate moving and handling ☐ Exposure Prone Procedures (EPP) ☐ Work in Haemodialysis ☐ Work in confined spaces ☐ Other (please specify): ☐ None Applicable:
Eligibility criteria, qualifications and experience	<u>Essential Criteria:</u> - Post Graduate Qualification in Child Art Psychotherapy/Art Therapy, - Eligible for Accreditation with an appropriate accreditation body, - Minimum 3 yrs clinical case work (can include 1 year in placement training.) - Experience in working with Children who have experienced CSA, Abuse, Neglect and Trauma <u>Desirable Criteria:</u>		

PLEASE NOTE:

CHI has transitioned to a process of a one commencement day per month for all new employees and Secondments. This update to our Onboarding process is aligned to changes in our monthly/fortnightly payroll and with the corporate induction program. This process enhancement ensures that we can thoroughly prepare for your arrival and facilitate a smooth transition in your onboarding journey.

It is important for you to note that if you do not have your pre-employments and mandatory training completed in time, your commencement date will be deferred to the next available date.

Below, you'll find the list of **commencement dates** for your information.

- 7th December 2026
- 4th January 2027

Information on “Non-European Economic Area Applicants” is available from <https://dbe.gov.ie/en/>

Children's Health Ireland is legally required to verify that all staff **have the right to work in Ireland before they begin employment**, regardless of nationality or immigration status. This right-to-work check is also necessary when an individual re-joins CHI or when their immigration permission or employment permit is due to expire.

Permit holders can change their permit employer to CHI after a period of nine months has passed since commencing their first employment permit in the State. The change of employer applies to the [General Employment Permit \(GEP\)](#) and to the [Critical Skills Employment Permit \(CSEP\)](#). The change is required to be completed as part of pre-employment clearance.

All Permits and Change of Employer applications are processed on the [Employment Permits Online](#).

Some recruitment campaigns may be open to candidates who are not citizens of the EEA, Switzerland, or United Kingdom. You can consult the [Critical Skills Occupational List](#) see if your profession is currently eligible under this route.

The programme outlined for Children's Health Ireland may impact on this role and as structures change the job description may be reviewed.

Children's Health Ireland is an equal opportunities employer.

Does the post above identified for filling come within the definition of an Exposure Prone Procedure (EPP) Post? (Tick below as appropriate)	
YES ☐	NO ☒
Exposure Prone Procedure (EPP) Post Assessment of Post in line with the 'Integrated Guidance on Health Clearance of Healthcare Workers and the Management of Healthcare Workers Living with Bloodborne Viruses (Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV, 2025')	
Exposure Prone Procedures (EPPs) are defined in the national guidance as: 'invasive procedures where there is potential for direct contact between the skin, usually finger or thumb of the healthcare worker and sharp objects or surgical instruments – such as needles, sharp body parts (for example fractured bones) spicules of bone or teeth – in body cavities or in poorly visualised or confined body sites, including the mouth of the patient'. All staff hired, transferred or promoted into an EPP post will be required to provide evidence via Occupational Health service of their freedom from infection in line with this national guidance. No appointment will be made in the absence of such evidence. EPP workers with previous EPP clearance prior to November 2025, may require further clearance in line with this updated guidance, so should submit details of previous clearance in line with section 9 of this form. The guidance is available here https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/bloodbornevirus/ Detailed information on those categories of staff and procedures coming under the scope of the EPP definition is available from the Area Recruitment Unit. If there is any doubt about whether the post you have identified above comes within the definition of an EPP post, expert advice should be sought from the Occupational Health Service.	