



Vacancy Information Pack

Post No: 2WFTSL01

Job Title: Safeguarding Lead

Support for those affected by sudden death in young people

Welcome from Rhian Mannings MBE, Founder and CEO



It is my pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to you as you consider joining our organisation.

2wish was founded on the belief that no-one who loses a child or young person suddenly or unexpectedly does so without the offer of support to help them through the darkest days.

Since 2012, 2wish has received over 1600 referrals for children and young people who have sadly died much too soon. We have supported over 6,000 individuals and offer support in the immediate aftermath and longer term so that our families know we are always there, in the days, months and years to come.

We are an organisation with family and community at the heart of everything we do. Our families, volunteers, ambassadors, supporters and staff all make a difference and we all share one common belief; that no family should be left without the offer of support.

Would you like to join us and make a difference?

If you feel passionate about supporting those suddenly bereaved and have the skills we're looking for, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for your interest in this role.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RL Mannings". The "R" and "L" are joined together.

**Rhian Mannings MBE
Chief Executive Officer and Founder**

"When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for the stars." - Anonymous

Role Description:

Job title: Safeguarding Lead

Reports to: Head of Bereavement Services

Salary: £33,120

Location: Hybrid working with 2 days a week in the office depending on location.

Hours: Full Time, 37.5 hours, Monday-Friday.

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Background of 2wish:

In 2012, Rhian Burke lost her son George suddenly in an emergency unit in South Wales. Despite the amazing staff, who showed support and empathy at the time of death, the family walked out into the dark of the night with nothing, heard from nobody and were left alone to deal with the shock and trauma. Five days after her son passed away, her husband Paul died by suicide, inconsolable and consumed in grief. Still nobody came. 2wish (formally 2 Wish Upon A Star) and the following support services were established as a result of this tragedy and are today implemented in partnership with every health board, hospital, police force, coroner's office and mental health team across Wales.

Since expanding into England in January 2024, 2wish has established working relationships with referral partners across the bordering counties.



Objective:

2wish exists to provide support to anyone affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person aged 25 and under.

Aims:

- Ensure every Emergency Department and Critical Care unit has a suitable bereavement suite
- Ensure that bereavement boxes are available at each of these hospitals
- Ensure that immediate bereavement support is available for all affected by the sudden death of a child or young person
- Provide a professional counselling service and other therapies for those affected by the sudden death of a child or young person
- Provide support to individuals who witness the sudden death of a child or young person
- Provide support and training to professionals from any sector who may be affected by the sudden death of a child or young person
- To advocate and campaign on behalf of suddenly bereaved families

2wish Cymru and 2wish:

2wish has been established since 2012 and has grown from strength to strength. During this time, we have worked tirelessly to embed our service and ensure that the offer of support is made at the point of death.

We offer an immediate, consistent, high-quality and compassionate service to all individuals affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person aged 25 and under in Wales and the bordering counties in England, including; Cheshire, Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Avon and Somerset, with the plan to continue to roll out support to the whole of England. We work in partnership with professionals who refer into the charity on behalf of families, so they don't have to trawl through the internet for an organisation who may, or may not, be able to support. We provide immediate, and ongoing, support and are here for as long as our families need us.

Context of role:

2wish support anyone affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person aged 25 and under. We provide immediate casework support, as well as ongoing aftercare services including counselling, alternative therapies, play therapy, support groups, support events and a respite cottage.

We are looking for a strong leader to manage the bereavement service including the operational delivery of immediate support and counselling and therapeutic support services, this includes the line management of the staff responsible for delivering this service.

We are proud of what we have achieved in Wales and the excellent service provided everyday by the support team. We are looking for a nurturer with experience of managing projects and service delivery with the ability and drive to motivate and support a varied and talented team.

Main duties:

Safeguarding Leadership & Case Management

- Act as the first point of contact for all safeguarding concerns raised internally or externally.
- Assess, triage, and respond to safeguarding concerns involving vulnerable bereaved parents, carers, siblings, or young people.
- Maintain accurate and confidential records in line with GDPR and 2wish policies.
- Liaise with statutory agencies (Social Services, Police, Health, Education) to ensure appropriate information-sharing and coordinated responses.
- Ensure timely escalation of high-risk cases to the senior leadership team.

Support to Families & Vulnerable Individuals

- Provide trauma-informed safeguarding guidance to staff supporting families in crisis or acute grief.
- Monitor risks associated with complex family dynamics (e.g., domestic abuse, substance misuse, mental health crises, self-harm, suicidal ideation).
- Offer safeguarding input into family support plans, therapeutic work, and follow-up services.
- Contribute to safer engagement strategies for young people attending support sessions or activities.

Safeguarding at Events

- Work closely with the Events Team to ensure risk assessments for fundraising events account for vulnerable beneficiaries in attendance.
- Provide on-the-day safeguarding cover at key events when required.
- Support staff and volunteers in managing disclosures or concerns arising during events.

Policy, Procedure & Compliance

- Support the development, review, and implementation of safeguarding policies in line with national legislation, regulatory guidance, and best practice.
- Ensure compliance with Charity Commission safeguarding expectations.
- Conduct audits and spot checks to assess safeguarding practice across 2wish services.
- Contribute to risk assessments, incident reviews, and continuous improvement processes.

Training & Capacity Building

- Deliver safeguarding training and briefings to staff, trustees, volunteers, and sessional workers.
- Promote a confident safeguarding culture where concerns are recognised early and raised promptly.
- Support onboarding processes to ensure all staff and volunteers understand their safeguarding responsibilities.

Partnership Working

- Build strong relationships with safeguarding boards, local authorities, health boards, schools, and referral partners.
- Represent 2wish at multi-agency meetings, strategy discussions, and case conferences.

General:

- To be responsible for organising own work agenda, time management and administration
- To show respect and sensitivity for the cultural and religious beliefs of families
- To undertake learning opportunities and seek them out for the team
- To adhere to all company policies and procedures including Safeguarding, Confidentiality, Health and Safety and Lone Working; and to be proactive in implementing new safe working practices as appropriate
- To attend weekend and evening community events in support of the charity as necessary
- Participate as and when required in team meetings and one-to-one meetings, and undertake, as appropriate, courses/training/other developmental activities, which is relevant to the role

It is the nature of the work that tasks and responsibilities are in many circumstances unpredictable and varied. All employees are therefore expected to work in a flexible way and tasks, which are not specifically covered in their job description may have to be undertaken.

You will be subject to performance review, which will incorporate a review of the above duties and performance over the period.

The postholder must uphold 2wish values: Compassion, Boldness, Excellence and Community.

This role is subject to a DBS check.

Person specification: ✨

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Strong understanding of safeguarding legislation (children and adults) within Wales and England.	✓	
Experience handling safeguarding concerns and working with families experiencing trauma, grief, or crisis.	✓	
Experience liaising with statutory agencies and navigating multi-agency safeguarding structures.	✓	
Able to recognise, assess, and respond to risk in emotionally complex scenarios.	✓	
Excellent judgement and decision making under pressure.	✓	
Empathetic, calm, trauma-informed approach.	✓	
Strong report writing and record-keeping skills.	✓	
Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism at all times.	✓	
Flexibility to attend occasional evening/weekend events.	✓	
Professional background in social care, counselling, health, education, or a related field.		✓
Experience working within bereavement, mental health, or family support services.		✓
Training/experience in suicide prevention or risk management.		✓
Experience delivering safeguarding training.		✓
Welsh language skills.		✓

A Family Story by Ady Smith - Ella's Dad

The 13th of June 2021 was a wonderfully sunny day. Little did we know that, before the day would end, our lives would be thrust into despair and changed forever. Our beautiful daughter, Ella, had been enjoying the day with friends, before she was involved in a road traffic collision and tragically lost her life at the scene of the accident. In a cruel twist of fate, I was one of the responding Fire Service personnel.

Ella was a caring young lady who had a heart of gold and would go out of her way to help others, could be described as a social butterfly, and loved her family and friends. Ella always had a smile on her face, was a bit of a prankster, and always full of fun.

In the immediate hours following Ella's death, we were being supported by our Family Liaison Officers (FLO) when she asked, what upon reflection was such a vital question; "Would you be happy for us to refer you to the charity 2wish?" The FLO went on to explain a little about the charity, although we had some awareness of their work from their social media channels.

At this point we were in a daze, we didn't know what to do or where to turn, within less than 24 hours 2wish had dropped into our lives (and have been with us ever since). Nicole contacted us and provided a sense of calm in what we would now describe as a time of complete chaos.

The 2wish team visited Ella and were able to provide us with memory boxes that included her handprints and a lock of her hair, this is something we thank them so much for. The boxes bring us great comfort and we believe they will continue to do so as we move forward with our lives in a very different way, carrying our loss.

The support didn't and hasn't stopped there, through the charity we have all been supported by bereavement counsellors and this has also extended to wider family and very close friends of Ella's. Ella's brother has been supported by Ellie, the young person coordinator, and he finds these sessions a welcome break and an opportunity to talk. Ella's sister, whilst not having support currently is aware it is there when needed no matter how far in the future. I have been receiving specialist PTSD counselling arranged by 2 wish and have attended complementary therapy sessions organised by the charity too.



A standout memory for us would be the video message Ella's brother received from Dan Biggar (his hero), the happiness in his eyes will long live with us all, and something we will never be able to thank 2wish enough for.

Every one of us has had different needs, the staff at 2wish have been amazing, they have gone out of their way to find solutions to our challenges, and we honestly do not know where we would be without their support, guidance, and friendship.

Through tragedy we have connected with some wonderful people, 2wish will always be there for us, as a family we will always be there to support the charity, raise money, and attend events to ensure the amazing work they do continues. The impact they have had on our lives can't be measured and we want to help ensure other families benefit in the way we have.

What we do for you:

Salary: Starting salary of £33,120 per annum

Contract type: Permanent and full-time

Hours: Normal office hours are 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday, although alternative hours may be worked with line manager agreement. Work outside office hours may sometimes be necessary and will be compensated for by time off in lieu.

Annual leave: 28 days plus bank holidays. Annual leave steadily increases after five years of service. Annual leave and statutory holidays are calculated on a pro rata basis where applicable.

Pension: 2wish operate a contributory pension scheme. 2wish will auto-enrol you into the scheme in accordance with its auto-enrolment obligations. Full details of the scheme will be provided to you once you are enrolled, including the minimum level of contributions that you will be required to make during your membership (current contributions - employer 3% and employee 5%).

Mileage: A fixed rate allowance is payable for agreed mileage undertaken on 2wish business in a private vehicle, over and above your usual journey to your workplace/s.

Location: 2wish is currently working with staff to offer a form of hybrid working and this will continue for the foreseeable.

Additional benefits for our employees:

-  An 'Employee Assistance Programme,' including wellbeing support
-  Free parking on 2wish premises
-  Free branded 2wish clothing
-  An extra annual leave day on your birthday
-  Incremental increase in holiday entitlement based on length of service
-  Paid sick leave
-  Discounts for personal purchases on 2wish Merchandise
-  Free tickets to UK 2wish events, discounts for family
-  Extra holiday entitlement when taking part in 2wish overseas events
-  Company mobile phone for performance of duties
-  Tools/equipment required for the performance of duties
-  Reimbursement of work expenses
-  Bright Exchange employee discounts

How to apply:

Please return a CV and covering letter, or a CV and two-minute video, by email to:
HR@2wish.org.uk

Closing Date: 13th March 2026

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible.