



Job Description and Personal Spec

Job Title:	The Elms Cook
Hours:	Saturday and Sunday 6 hours (approx. 2pm to 8pm but negotiable)
Salary:	£11.50 an hour
Contract:	1 Year Fixed Term
Reporting to:	The Elms Manager

DENS is seeking a Cook to run and manage the kitchen and catering functions at The Elms during the weekend. The Elms is a mixed 44 bedroom homeless hostel in Hemel Hempstead. You will be responsible for delivering a catering service which includes weekend meals for the residents that stay at the Elms. The successful candidate will need to cook 30-40 covers for 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. Experience in working within a school, college or prison is desirable, but not essential.

We are seeking an experienced individual who has a passion for good food. You will be responsible for safely producing high quality hot meals, desserts and drinks for residents and staff; closely following meal plans and recipes (including any special dietary requirements), whilst keeping within budget. The successful candidate will be responsible for preparation of hostel meal menus ensuring that food prepared is nutritional and varied and to a high standard; be knowledgeable about the food and beverages we serve especially in connection with common allergens; ensuring any waste is minimised. You will also be responsible for ensuring all Health and Safety procedures are carried out and the 'Safer Food Better Business for Caterers' standards are updated and carried out at all times.

The ideal candidate will hold a recognised catering qualification or have equivalent experience and an understanding of food hygiene and kitchen health and safety. This role is subject to safeguarding checks including a DBS check in line with Dens procedures. You will provide excellent customer service, preparing and cooking simple but wholesome food, maximise customer satisfaction within The Elms, keep all catering areas clean and well stocked, whilst working on your own or with others. It is



essential to hold a current food hygiene certificate, possess good verbal communications skills, and to have experience of food preparation and presentation.

How to apply

Please read the full Job Description

If you match our criteria:

- Submit your CV to **HR@dens.org.uk**
- Closing date for receipt of applications is 23rd August 21
- We may interview, and offer the role to a suitable candidate before the deadline

For an informal chat, please ring Jacky Stafford on 01442 412340

Please advise us should you require adjustments to be made for you at interview.

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