



**Derbyshire
Districts**

Information pack

Thanks for your interest in working at Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts.

This information pack should give you everything you need to know to apply for this role and what it means to work at Citizens Advice.

In this pack you'll find:

- Our values
- 3 things you should know about us
- Overview of Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts
- What we give our staff
- Guidance notes for completing the application form

Want to chat about this role?

If you want to chat about the role further, you can contact hr@ddcab.org.uk to setup a phone call with a service manager.



Our values

- **We're inventive.** We're not afraid of trying new things and learn by getting things wrong. We question every idea to make it better and we change when things aren't working.
- **We're generous.** We work together, sharing knowledge and experience to solve problems. We tell it like it is and respect everyone.
- **We're responsible.** We do what we say we'll do and keep our promises. We remember that we work for a charity and use our resources effectively.



3 things you should know about us

1. **We're local and we're national.** We have 6 national offices and offer direct support to people in around 300 independent local Citizens Advice services across England and Wales.
2. **We're here for everyone.** Our advice helps people solve problems and our advocacy helps fix problems in society. Whatever the problem, we won't turn people away.
3. **We're listened to - and we make a difference.** Our trusted brand and the quality of our research mean we make a real impact on behalf of the people who rely on us.

How Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts works

Derbyshire Districts operates across five Local Authority areas in Derbyshire (Amber Valley, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales, Erewash and High Peak). We are a large and progressive organisation with seven offices spread throughout the districts. Our main office locations are Buxton, Chesterfield, Ilkeston and Matlock. We are an independently funded charity receiving a number of different grants and contracts to fund our work.

Derbyshire Districts currently has a staff population of approximately 100 individuals and a team of over 60 Volunteers. The organisation is managed by the Chief Officer with a team of Senior Operations Managers, Finance Manager and Service Managers. Derbyshire Districts is a large organisation in Derbyshire with an average income of approximately £2.5 million.

Overview of Citizens Advice

The Citizens Advice service is made up of Citizens Advice - the national charity - and a network of around 300 local Citizens Advice members.

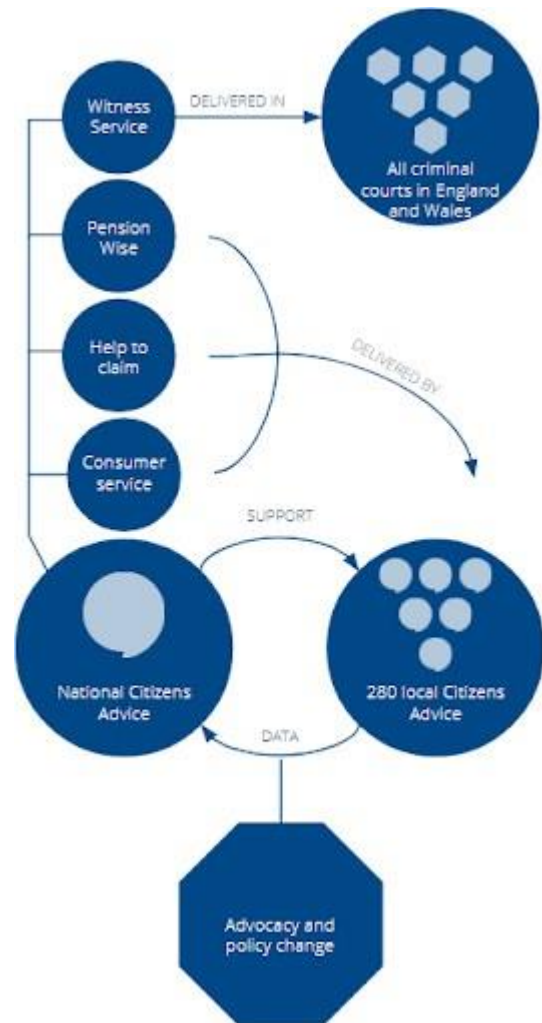
This role sits our network of independent charities, delivering services from

- over 600 local Citizens Advice outlets
- over 1,800 community centres, GPs' surgeries and prisons

They do this with:

- 6,500 local staff
- over 23,000 trained volunteers

Our reach means 99% of people in England and Wales can access a local Citizens Advice within a 30-minute drive of where they live.



What we give our staff

We value the people who work here - and we show that in what we offer. As well as things like annual leave and our workplace pension, working at Citizens Advice means getting access to many benefits.

- **A commitment to your development.** We have a coordinated staff training and development strategy. This means that training will be provided both for your current job and for your development.
- **Employee assistance programme.** Everyone working at Citizens Advice has immediate access to professional and completely confidential counselling and legal advisory services.
- **Support when things in your life change.** We'll be there for you with options for flexible working, career breaks, and support for parents and carers.
- **Enhanced annual leave.** 35 days per year (pro rata) including bank holidays and Christmas shut down, the option to buy or sell 1 week of annual leave (pro rata) each year
- **Contractual sick pay.** Amount is dependent on your length of service
- **Long Service Awards.** Additional leave days and gift cards awarded above 5 years of service
- **Pension.** Auto-enrolment workplace pension, with 6% employer contribution and a 2% employee contribution.



Guidance notes for applicants

Application form

The form should be completed in black ink, black ballpoint pen or typed. Return the form by post or email. If you return the form by email, there is no requirement to send a hard copy in the post. CVs will not be accepted as a substitute for the application form, unless specifically stated in the advert.

Disability

Please let us know if you require any adjustments to be made to the application process or would like to provide any information you wish us to consider when we are considering your application. If you are selected for interview, we will ask you to let us know if you have any access needs or may require reasonable adjustments to the interview or assessment (if applicable) at that stage. Please be assured that we will be supportive in discussing reasonable adjustments with you at any stage of the recruitment and selection process.

Entitlement to work in the UK

A job offer will be subject to confirmation that you are permitted to work in the UK in accordance with the provisions of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996. You will be asked to provide evidence of your entitlement to work in the UK if you are successful and an offer of employment is made. Please note that we do not hold a sponsor licence and therefore cannot issue certificates of sponsorship under the points-based system.

Information, experience, knowledge, skills and abilities

The person specification lists the minimum requirements for this post. When shortlisting for interview the selection panel will only consider the information contained in your application form and will assess this against the person specification.

The selection panel cannot make assumptions about the nature of the work you have done or your experience from a list of job titles. It is therefore important that you use the space provided to demonstrate how you meet the requirements. Paid and voluntary work are not the only experiences worth quoting. Other life experiences and skills may be just as valid.

If you are shortlisted for interview, the selection panel will ask you questions based on the person specification which will cover the areas in more detail.

References

All job offers are subject to the receipt of two satisfactory references. One should be from your current or most recent employer or line manager or your course tutor if you have just left full-time education. The other should be someone who knows you in a work related, voluntary or academic capacity. Both referees should be able to comment on your suitability for the role. References will only be taken up for successful candidates following interview.

Criminal convictions

Anyone who applies to work within Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts will be asked to disclose details of unspent convictions during the recruitment process. Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working for us – much will depend on the type of job you have applied for and the background and circumstances of your offence. However, we are not able to employ anyone with a conviction for a sexual offence against a child or vulnerable adult, regardless of when the offence took place. All other convictions will be considered on an individual basis. Please get in touch to see our policy on criminal background check.