



3 x Perinatal Support Co-ordinators

£26, 156 -£28, 703 per annum

2 x 37 hours per week

1 x 22.2 hours per week

Perinatal Support Service, Bradford

Family Action Perinatal Support Service, which is aimed at pregnant women who have, or are at risk of developing, mild to moderate mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression. The project provides support to parents through a dedicated trained volunteer 'befriender' who will offer emotional support and support to access other services in the community. The service also offers group work and therapeutic groups to help build attachment between parent and baby. It helps women through their pregnancy and up until their baby's first birthday, and can work with their partners too. It supports families according to their needs and situation, through listening and emotional support and linking in with other specialist services and Children Centres.

You will work in a team of Perinatal Support Coordinators to take forward and develop this service, which is a joint initiative between Better Start Bradford and Family Action Bradford. Your role will involve liaising with professionals, including Health Visitors, Midwives, Children's Centres, Adult Mental Health Services and other referrers to promote the service. You will recruit and supervise a team of volunteer mentors from the local community. You will manage and process referrals to the service, needs assess the families who are referred in and match mothers/fathers with a volunteer mentor and/ or help them access group work. You will also case manage risk and safeguarding issues and monitor and evaluate the outcomes.

Alongside the other Coordinators you will be responsible for ensuring that the service is working within local adult mental health pathways and that the service is operating in-line with Family Action safeguarding minimum standards. Preferably, you will have a qualification in Social Work, Early Years, Nursing or other family support or health related work experience. You will be able to engage with families, and have the knowledge and skills to oversee holistic assessment of a family's needs. Sound knowledge of mental health, child development, safeguarding and the assessment process is essential. You will also be required to deliver training and to offer regular supervision to the volunteers. It is also crucial that you have an understanding of the impact of marginalisation.

In line with community need it is desirable that you speak one or more of the following languages: Urdu, Punjabi, Slovakian or Polish.

You must have access to a vehicle for business purposes and be able to travel frequently, sometimes at short notice, across the Bradford area. Appointments are subject to Family Action receiving an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service which we consider acceptable.

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For an application pack and further information, please visit www.family-action.org.uk/workingwithus

Please email completed applications to: completed.application23@family-action.org.uk

Please specify if you are applying for 37 hours or 22.2 hours per week.

Closing date: 12th March at 8:30am

Interview dates: 15th and 16th March 2018

Family Action offers good working conditions, a comprehensive training programme and a Group Personal Pension Scheme (GPPS). We welcome applications from all sections of the community.