

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

**Job title:** Recovery Worker – Older Adults Lead

**Service:** BAND, Living Well

**Salary:** Grade 2 upper (point 16 – 19)

**Hours:** 37 hours per week

**Location:** Bolton (Within the NHS Living Well Team)

**Responsible to:** Living Well Recovery Coordinator

## Summary of job:

Working within the NHS Living Well Team, you will work with individuals and their families to plan, support and help individuals achieve the goals and outcomes that are important to them.

As the lead for Older Adults, to support the team by sharing knowledge and giving guidance on approaches to both functional and cognitive mental health in older adults

To develop and maintain positive professional working relationships and referral pathways to local statutory and community based services which support older adults

To contribute to the ongoing development of team working and implementing of the Living Model by sharing learning, listening sharing and responding to feedback from people who use the service, and contributing thoughts and ideas to team discussion.

# Key tasks and responsibilities:

- 1. Develop trusting relationships and provide practical and emotional support for people accessing the Living Well Service, and their carers and family members.
- 2. Support team development by sharing knowledge and guidance on approaches to working to positive outcomes with Older Adults with both functional and cognitive mental health conditions with
- 3. Carry out initial 'getting to know' you conversations and work with individuals to plan their support and achieve the goals and outcomes that are important to them, and to work with the wider Living Well team to support the development and implementation of an action plan to support the individual.
- 4. To have knowledge of, develop relationships with and keep up to date with local VCSE and other community based services and organisations that provide advice and support for Older Adults and to work to develop referral pathways
- 5. To signpost to specialist agencies (eg Age UK, Citizens Advice Bureau) if necessary to ensure that Older Adults receive appropriate support and guidance in respect of their benefits and entitlements and to provide a gateway to the Living Well 'Wider Network of Support'



including statutory and VCSE services for specific issues relating to loneliness, housing debt etc

- 6. Ensure regular and robust case management in line with Family Action and GMMH Quality Standards.
- 7. Working with the wider MDT to support the delivery of group work when appropriate.
- 8. Work with partner organisations to develop knowledge and understanding of approaches to working with people with lived experience of a mental health condition, including adults with both functional and cognitive mental health conditions
- 9. Ensure you have an understanding (appropriate to your role) of, and comply with Family Action's procedures for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. Seek advice and support from your line manager and/or identified individuals to discuss patient-related concerns and risk (e.g. abuse, domestic violence, escalated mental health).
- 10. Work with your line manager to continually pursue personal and professional development, taking an active role in regular supervision and appraisal processes.
- 11. Produce reports that are outcome focussed as required.
- 12. Undertake own administration and keep timely and accurate records whilst at all times adhering to GDPR, confidentiality and information sharing protocols and provide monitoring information as required. To monitor your workload and to raise any issues with your line manager as they arise.
- 13. Participate in internal and external meetings and events to promote, support and celebrate the work of the service and agencies.
- 14. Embrace and implement Family Action's Equality & Diversity Policies in every aspect of your work and positively promote its principles amongst colleagues, service users and other members of the community.
- 15. Commitment to the principles of co-production, and to work with the team to embed the service user voice within all aspects of service delivery
- 16. Comply with Family Action's Health and Safety and Data Protection policies and protect your own and others' health, safety and welfare.
- 17. Work flexibly as may be required by the needs of the service and carry out any other reasonable duties as required.



#### PERSON SPECIFICATION

## **Education, Qualifications & Background**

 Qualification at level 3 or above in Health, Social Care or Mental Health and a commitment to continued learning and professional development or at least 3 years' experience of working with Older Adults

# Experience

- 2. Experience of working with Older Adults with functional or cognitive mental health conditions
- 3. Experience of working in a mental health setting
- **4.** Experience of conducting strengths based, person-centred, holistic assessments and developing personal action plans, reviewing and monitoring progress and managing positive endings
- 5. Experience of using evidence based approaches such as motivational interviewing
- **6.** Experience of facilitating group work
- 7. Track record of partnership working

# **Knowledge & Skills**

- **8.** Strong interpersonal, consultation and holistic assessment skills.
- **9.** Knowledge of mental health conditions and strategies to improve health and wellbeing, plus an understanding of the social and emotional determinants to mental health and the impact of ill health, deprivation and discrimination on communities and individuals.
- 10. Working knowledge of the issues affecting older adults with functional and cognitive mental health conditions and the impact of this on daily living, and of community based sources of support and guidance
- 11. Ability to work collaboratively in a Multi-Disciplinary Team setting
- 11. Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding processes and procedures, and the ability to implement as necessary
- 12. Effective communication, presentation and record keeping skills, with the ability to collate data in accessible formats for service users and write comprehensive reports for a variety of stakeholders.
- Excellent ability to work autonomously to effectively plan and prioritise work, adapting to new models of working in a confident and professional manner.
- **14.** Proficient in Microsoft Office and client management systems, with strong IT and administration skills.

### **Values**

- **15.** Able to evidence Living Well and Family Action values at all times, which underpin the work we do:
  - Being people focused
  - Reflecting a 'can do' approach
  - Striving for excellence in everything we do
  - Having mutual respect for everyone we work with, work for and support through our services
- **16.** Be committed to equal opportunities and uphold and comply with Family Action's Equality & Diversity policy in all aspects of your work, promoting its principles amongst colleagues, service users and other members of the community.

### In addition



17. Willing to work hours in a flexible way, including evenings and weekends as required to meet the needs of the service.