

Job Description

| <u>Job Details</u> | |
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| Job Title: | Senior Drug Therapist |
| Grade: | Agenda for Change Band 6 |
| Salary Band: | £ 22,886 - £31,004 |
| Employing Organisation: | Leeds PCT |
| Location: | 68 York Street |
| Specialty/Department: | NFA Health Team For Homeless Persons |
| Reports to: | Clinical Lead |
| Accountable for: | indirect – budget |

Key Working Relationships

Practice multi-disciplinary team comprising G.P.s, Nursing staff, drugs workers, support staff, dental staff and administrative staff.

Secondary Care staff including consultant psychiatrists, senior house officers, in-patient nursing staff.

Community staff including social workers, hostel staff, voluntary sector staff and pharmacists.

Safer Leeds and Providers Network, non-statutory drugs treatment and support agencies.

Police and community safety.

Job Purpose

The post holder will provide a comprehensive assessment, support, care planning and follow up service to homeless drug users, many of whom also experience mental health problems. The post-holder will be expected to hold a minimum of 6 clinical sessions (or equivalent of) per week some of which may be outreach work.

Overview of Responsibilities: -

1. CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Provide comprehensive initial assessment for all new referrals.
- b. Deliver harm reduction and psychosocial interventions, motivational support, cognitive behavioural support and relapse prevention.
- c. Work in accordance with Department of Health “Orange Book” - “Drug Misuse and Dependence – Guidelines on Clinical Management.”
- d. Collect data as required for the National Drug Treatment Monitoring Scheme and other outcome data. Maintain appropriate clinical records using the practice clinical data system.
- e. Generate prescriptions for patients on maintenance therapy, to be checked and signed by GPs.
- f. Support the development of treatment and care plans with the doctors and patients/clients and monitor progress through the care plan.
- g. Actively liaise with other agencies supporting the client group to ensure the effectiveness of any treatment plan.
- h. Any other duties of a similar nature as determined by the immediate manager in relation to the smooth running of the service.
- i. Work with members of the team to provide a responsive, flexible service meeting the changing needs of homeless people.
- j. Supervise the collection of urine samples for drug testing
- k. Manage a personal caseload.

2 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Maintain confidentiality and professional standards in accordance with the overall service objectives.
- b. Keep updated on current practice issues and have a personal and professional development plan.
- c. Participate in and assist with research, service evaluation and

project work undertaken by the service.

- d. Participate in clinical supervision in terms of offering and receiving supervision.
- e. Participate in team meetings and case reviews.
- f. Participate in personal performance reviews.
- g. Be conversant with and act on policies for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

3. ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. To participate in clinical governance.
- b. To actively contribute to audit.
- c. Comply with Health and Safety policies operating within the Primary Care Trust.
- d. Have responsibility for maintaining a safe environment and report health and safety concerns to the appropriate manager.
- e. Report any accidents or untoward incidents in accordance with Primary Care Trust procedures.
- f. Uphold the no smoking, and no drinking or use of other drugs at work policy.
- g. The NFA is a teaching practice. The post holder will be expected to participate in the teaching of medical, nursing and CMHN students.

Any other duties commensurate with the post holder's grade as agreed with their line manager.

All employees should understand that it is their personal responsibility to comply with all organizational and statutory requirements e.g. Health and Safety; Equal Treatment and Diversity; Confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Specific responsibilities:

