

**Healthcare Assistant**

**Title of Post:** Healthcare Assistant Contract and Relief

**Location:** North Dublin

**About Peter McVerry Trust:** Established in 1983 by Fr Peter McVerry, the charity works with individuals at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, in Dublin, Kildare, Laois and Limerick. Peter McVerry Trust provides a wide range of services in the areas of homelessness prevention, Family Services, housing, homeless services, under 18s residential and drug treatment.

**Our Vision**: “An Ireland that supports all those on the margins and upholds their rights to full inclusion in society.”

**Our Mission:** Peter McVerry Trust is committed to reducing homelessness, the harm caused by drug misuse and social disadvantage. Peter McVerry Trust provides low-threshold entry services, primarily to younger persons with complex needs, and offers pathways out of homelessness based on the principles of the Housing First model within a framework that is based on equal opportunities, dignity and respect.

1. **Key Responsibilities and Duties:**

* To work for Peter McVerry Trust within the authority delegated to him/her by the Manager/Team Leader/Social Care Leader;
* To work as part of a team of Health Care Assistants, under the direction of the Nursing team.
* To provide quality person centered care to meet the needs of residents in order for them to continue living independently with privacy and dignity.
* To promote a caring environment for residents through high standards of professional practice which are conducive to the physical, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual needs of the service users.
* To provide high standard services as specified in agreed care plans and to contribute to the continual review of resident’s needs.

1. **To maintain a safe and healthy living environment through:**

* Adherence to safety and security protocols;
* Ensuring that the environment is maintained to a high standard at all times;
* Assigning routine tasks and domestic duties to residents;
* Keeping stock of household necessities and purchasing weekly groceries;
* Providing meals along with residents to support the development of independent living skills;
* Advice and help to residents with housekeeping needs;
* Mediating disputes and encouraging co-operation.

1. **Change in work programme:**

* It may be necessary, from time to time, for workload to be re-prioritised in order to accommodate workloads in other areas of the organization. Due notice and consultation will be given.

1. **To have a positive and enthusiastic attitude in work:**

* In your interactions with management, staff and residents of the Peter McVerry Trust.
* In your interactions with external agencies while representing the Peter McVerry Trust.

1. **Other Duties:**

* Any other duties as designated by the Manager/Team Leader/Social Care Leader.

**Person Specification:**

**Qualifications and Experience:**

* QQI Level 5 in Healthcare, Pre-Nursing or those who are working towards the qualification.
* Previous nursing home experience an advantage.
* The desire to be part of a team
* Genuine passion for working in healthcare and to provide person centered care
* Willingness to work hard and be actively involved in the business
* Experience with Neuro/Rehab and Acquired Brain Injury an advantage

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