

Vacancy: Psychiatric Nurse



Reporting to:
Clinical Nurse Manager



Location:
Dublin

About Peter McVerry Trust

Peter McVerry Trust is a national housing and homeless charity committed to reducing homelessness and the harm caused by substance misuse and social disadvantage.

The charity provides low-threshold entry services, primarily to younger people and vulnerable adults with complex needs, and offers pathways out of homelessness based on the principles of the Housing First model.

In 2022, the charity worked with over 12,000 people and was active in 28 local authorities across Ireland.

Key Responsibilities

To the Clinical Nurse Manager:

- To work for Peter McVerry Trust within the authority delegated to him/her by the Clinical Nurse Manager;
- Meet with the Clinical Nurse Manager at regular intervals regarding the progress of his/her work;
- To assist the Clinical Nurse Manager in the day to day running of the project.

Responsibilities

Nursing Responsibilities:

- To lead on the dispensing, storage and recording of medication in line with best practice
- Uphold all agreed-on quality standards and participate in the evaluation and audit of services in order to improve quality and standards of care and ensure clinical effectiveness.
- To be cognisant of and comply with the An Board Altranais code of professional conduct.
- Deliver nursing care to participants over a 24-hour rostered period.
- Provide health education/ health promotion services to clients.
- In conjunction with the duty team, deliver nursing care to clients in line with Residential Community Detox policies, procedures and systems, ensuring they meet the requirements of the key service objectives.
- Ensure Nursing registration requirements are maintained.

To provide direct support to participants through:

Intervention, support and supervision;

- As part of a multi-disciplinary duty team in a residential crisis intervention Service, to provide health assessment, plan, implement and evaluate care plans and to provide direct nursing and social care to drug users in crisis.
- Provide health education/health promotion services to clients.
- When required, advocacy and referral to community services;
- Supervising the behaviour of the participants at all times;
- Liaising with the appropriate staff in accessing move-on accommodation for the participants;
- Planning recreational and/or group activities.
- To offer key working sessions on an ongoing basis to assist clients in making decisions regarding move-on options and their recovery path for the future

Responsibilities

To assist with participants' casework through:

- Effective communication with all Peter McVerry Trust staff
- Key-working with participants to aid in the process of long term goal setting
- Assisting with participant's Individual Personal Plans;
- Ensuring that participants are fully informed about all entitlements.
- To instill hope in clients in respect of positive change and overall improvement in regards to the quality of life

To maintain a safe and healthy living environment through:

- Adherence to safety and security protocols;
- Assigning routine tasks and domestic duties to participants;
- Keeping stock of household necessities and purchasing weekly groceries;
- Providing meals along with participants;
- Advice and help to participants with housekeeping needs;
- Mediating disputes and encouraging cooperation.

To respond to requests for service through:

- Links with other Peter Mc Verry Trust services, screening and assessment;
- Communication of information and referral to resources;
- Offering ongoing support to former participants;
- To liaise with past participants to offer support, advice and guidance in regards to accessing services, accommodation etc.

To undertake administrative duties through:

- Maintaining participants' details and documentation;
- Actively participating in staff meetings;
- Providing written reports to the Clinical Nurse Manager where necessary;
- Recording any Incidents / Accidents that may occur.
- Reviewing care plans and safety plans weekly and ensuring any changes to client care are documented, and relevant adjustments are implemented to cater for the client's needs in a holistic manner

Responsibilities

Change in work programme:

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

To have a positive and enthusiastic attitude in work:

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

Other Duties:

- Any other duties as designated by the Clinical Nurse Manager.
- Any other duties which may arise in line with catering for the needs of our clients

Qualifications & Experience

- Nursing Qualification – BSc in Psychiatric Nursing, registered with An Bord Altranais and at least five years of nursing experience post-registration.
- Essential competencies: communication skills, commitment to providing the highest level of service, professionalism and maintaining professional boundaries, respect for others, promoting choice independence, health and well-being and resilience & positive outlook (All other competencies to be reviewed as part of the supervision and support process)
- Essential: At least five years of nursing experience post-registration and a positive, calm and client-centred approach to their work.
- Desirable: Experience working with clients detoxing from methadone in a residential setting. A keen interest in the area of addiction and an overall awareness/understanding of the social implications of drug misuse

How to apply:

To apply please download the application form or visit pmvtrust.ie/careers:

[Application Form](#)

Completed application forms should be sent to recruitment@pmvtrust.ie along with your CV and Cover Letter.

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