

Vacancy: Social Prescribing Practitioner Kildare



Hours:
Fulltime



Location:
Kildare



Reporting to:
Director of Nursing and Addiction
Services

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.

Role overview

Peter McVerry Trust is recruiting for the role of Social Prescribing Practitioner to support the development and implementation of a Social Prescribing programme in its entirety within PMVT. The individual holding the post of Social Prescribing Practitioner will work towards upholding and further developing a community-centred approach with the aim of supporting PMVT service users in achieving positive health and well-being outcomes. This post will be aligned with the objectives set out in the HSE social prescribing framework.

The role of the social prescribing practitioner will be to work collaboratively with internal and external agencies with a view of supporting participants in sourcing and accessing local support services as well as providing such services in-house. The role will entail working in a group setting and one-to-one basis with participants in a variety of settings to link local, community-based activities and supports in local communities with a view to improving individual health, well-being, social connection and self-regulation skills. Applicants will have a strong and demonstrable commitment to working with marginalised groups

Responsibilities

The Social Prescribing Practitioner will:

- Work collaboratively and in co-ordination with the ethos of PMVT in delivering and developing links in local communities to broaden the scope and reach of social prescribing in its entirety;
- Support in the development and design of a formalised social prescribing programme with a view of providing a more holistic approach in achieving positive health and well-being outcomes;
- Support in the building and maintaining of local resources/relationships with community-based support services;
- Empower participants to live independent lives while ensuring the necessary supports are in place to improve one's quality of life and create a sense of connectedness to one's community;
- Work collaboratively with mental health and recovery services and Peter McVerry Trust staff to advocate for the participant and support the participant's recovery;
- Establish an individual's recovery related goals and support them in implementing them;
- Maintain professional communication and relationships with the participant group and liaise appropriately;
- Implement safe work practices and immediately report incidents and concerns;
- Complete, maintain and manage documentation relevant to the role;
- Demonstrate competence in the support and development of projects and new initiatives that promote positive health, mental health well-being and recovery;
- Participate in training, supervision and mentoring as part of ongoing role development and performance management.

Key Competencies:

The Social Prescribing Practitioner will:

- Be able to work individually and as part of a team and co-ordinate multiple tasks/responsibilities;
- Have a proven track record of working collaboratively in community settings;
- Demonstrate and maintain the highest levels of confidentiality and professionalism at all times;
- Have an understanding and objective commitment in addressing key determinants of health;
- Flexible in adjusting working hours to accommodate the needs of the role.

Qualifications and experience:

- Degree level qualification in Psychology, Social Care, Social Science, Sociology, Social Policy or other related discipline;
- Be motivated towards engaging in ongoing personal and professional development;
- Full clean drivers' licence;
- Must have the appropriate knowledge and ability to fulfil the function of this role.

The above Job Description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.

The role demands flexible working hours which will necessitate some attendance at out of hours meetings/events related to the duties of a Social Prescribing Practitioner.

Training Opportunities

Peter McVerry Trust will endeavour to support those holding the role to further upskill and build upon key competencies required to fulfil all aspects of the job description. Opportunities are available to engage in a 1-year Certificate in Social Prescribing course through IT Sligo. This course aims to support the role of social prescribers and equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively communicate with participants, stakeholders, identify local expertise and resources, coordinate and facilitate group activities, write reports and funding applications and conduct evaluations to support diverse health and wellbeing in local communities.

Employee benefits

- Attractive salary
- 21 days annual leave allowance
- Core Professional Training and CPD
- Cycle to Work Scheme and Tax Saver
- Death in Service Benefit
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Career progression opportunities

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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