

Vacancy: Occupational Therapist



Hours:
Fulltime



Location:
Midlands
Laois, Longford
Offaly and
Westmeath.



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

To provide service delivery to participants with complex needs and effectively coordinate care through appropriate assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation. You will be responsible for providing direct care to participants with complex needs under the housing first remit, and you will report directly to the Director of Nursing and Addiction Services.

Responsibilities

1. To the Director of Nursing and Addiction Services:

- To work for Peter McVerry Trust within the authority delegated to him/her by the Director of Nursing and Addiction Services;
- Meet with the Director of Nursing and Addiction Services at regular intervals regarding the progress of his/her work
- Report back to the Director of Nursing and Addiction Services in relation to any support required

2. Occupational Therapy Responsibilities:

- To lead on conducting comprehensive assessments of the participants needs and make recommendations on supports required in line with best practice
- Uphold all agreed quality standards and participate in the evaluation and audit of services in order to improve quality, standards of care and ensure effectiveness.
- To assess all situations with a focus on managing risk and contributing towards positive health outcomes for the participant group
- To promote continuity of care through the use of effective communication processes with fellow staff members
- To identify any specific training needs required to carry out your role to the highest standard contributing towards confidence and competence
- Provide health education/health promotion service to participants.
- In conjunction with the duty team, deliver care to participants in line with policies, procedures and systems ensuring they meet the requirements of the key service objectives.
- To develop positive working relationships with community agencies, public health nurses etc to identify appropriate care pathways for onward referral where required

Responsibilities

3. To provide direct support to participants through:

- Intervention, support and supervision;
- As part of a multi-disciplinary duty team in a community setting, to conduct assessments, to plan, implement and evaluate care plans and to provide care to participants with complex needs.
- Provide health education/health promotion service to participants.
- When required, advocacy and referral to community services;
- Planning recreational and/or group activities.
- To carry out regular reviews in regards to treatments and addressing any changes in care that contribute towards ensuring the comfort needs of the participant group are met

4. To assist with participants' casework through:

- Effective communication with all Peter McVerry Trust staff
- Supporting the team to carry sessions with participants to aid in the process of long term goal setting and identifying systems or aids that contribute towards the participants quality of life
- Assisting with participant's Individual Care Plans;
- Ensuring that participants are fully informed about all entitlements.
- To instil hope in the participant group in respects of positive change and overall improvement in regards to quality of life.

5. To maintain a safe and healthy living environment through:

- Adherence to safety and security protocols;
- Developing health and safety policies and procedures as per assessments
- Ensuring appropriate health and safety measures are in place and upheld at all times and escalating any issues identified to the Director of Nursing and Addiction Services

6. 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.
- Conducting regular reviews to ensure the effectiveness of equipment

Responsibilities

7. To undertake administrative duties through:

- Maintaining participants' details and documentation;
- Completion of assessment and making recommendations
- Providing written reports to the Director of Nursing and Addiction Services where necessary;
- Recording any Incidents / Accidents that may occur and ensuring incidences are reviewed and measures put in place to prevent/minimise future occurrences
- Reviewing care plans and safety plans weekly and ensuring any changes to participants care is documented and relevant adjustments are implemented to cater for the participants needs in a holistic manner

8. 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 organisation. Due notice and consultation will be given.

9. To have a positive and enthusiastic attitude in work:

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

10. Other Duties:

- Any other duties as designated by the Director of Nursing and Addiction Services.
- Any other duties which may arise in line with catering for the needs of our participants

Qualifications & Experience:

- A recognized valid qualification to degree level in the area of occupational therapy
- Be registered with CORU
- Experience in conducting assessment of need
- Relevant experience in prescribing and monitoring equipment
- 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)
- Desirable: At least 2 years experience post registration and a positive, calm and client centred approach to their work.
- Desirable: Experience of working with participants with complex needs in a community setting. A keen interest in the area of complex needs/homelessness 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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