

Job Description

Job Title	Social Prescriber
Hours	37.5 hours weekly
Accountable to	Social Prescribing Project Managers
Responsible to	Social Prescribing Services Manager
Base	Age UK Offices, community and GP Surgeries covering Central Scarborough and Eastfield / Scarborough, Filey and surrounding areas / Malton, Ampleforth and surrounding rural villages and communities
Salary	£22,741 per annum

Purpose

To work in collaboration with GP practices, community, statutory, and voluntary sector services to deliver a coordinated high-quality social prescribing service. To help assist individuals to identify their needs and work towards solutions that are right for them. The Social Prescribing Practitioner will co-productively draw up a personalised plan supporting clients to access and engage with the extensive range of support available in the community.

The social prescribing approach empowers individuals to take control of their own health and wellbeing. Initially this will be through one-to-one sessions and further connection to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support when appropriate. Social Prescribing is a short-term intervention service working towards building a diverse and sustainable network of support for those using the service.

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Main duties

1. To make appointments and organise visits that help determine what the individual would like to do to improve their wellbeing and identify any barriers they may be facing. A personalised plan will enable the individual to work on what matters to them
2. Agree a 'Plan of Action' for each session in line with individual aims and requirements
3. Provide an average of six - eight sessions with each client on a one-to-one basis either within GP surgery's, home visits or another appropriate community venue
4. To identify gaps in community assets in line with need and feed this information to the Services Manager

Administrative

5. To undertake all training within the full project induction programme within the allocated time, with weight given to the NHS Social Prescribing Modules
6. Maintain, in the required manner and timescale, information records including completing Personal Plans and ONS scores on System One
7. To liaise regularly with Social Prescribing Referral Coordinator providing caseload statistics as required
8. To book Telephone Triage appointments as part of the defined Triage rota
9. To update Social Prescribing literature in GP practices as required

Communication

10. To ensure that all communication, both written and verbal, relating to provision of the service is timely, clear and unambiguous
11. To always communicate with internal and external clients in line with agreed values
12. To prepare for, attend and contribute to Team meetings
13. To engage in regular supervision check in meetings with the Services Manager
14. To gather and distribute information on available resources in the local community on a continuous basis

15. Promote social prescribing, its role in self-management, addressing health inequalities and the wider determinants of health
16. Build relationships with staff in GP practices, attending relevant MDT meetings, giving information and feedback on social prescribing

Financial

17. To keep accurate records of all expense related transactions in line with Project policies and procedures, ensuring these are submitted in a timely fashion for invoicing purposes

Person Specification

Essential

- Health and social care, coaching, counselling, or other appropriate background relevant to the role
- Proven experience of planning and goal setting to help improve health and well-being outcomes
- Proven track record in relationship building skills across a variety of different networks
- Knowledge of Primary Care and the voluntary and community sector
- Experience of delivering general and/or specialist advice and information to clients
- An understanding of Social Prescribing and how it may contribute to health and wellbeing
- Good IT Skills and the ability to complete all necessary client records
- A confident and professional approach to working with a variety of stakeholders
- A proven understanding of safeguarding and ability to implement relevant policies and procedures
- The ability to work autonomously and to plan, prioritise work under pressure and adapt to new models of working
- A commitment to equal opportunities
- A commitment to Continuous Professional Development and undertaking relevant training opportunities when they become available

Desirable

- Motivational interviewing and/or Coaching skills
- Proven experience of co - productive practices and an understanding of why these matters

The job description is not intended to be exhaustive in every respect, but rather to clearly define the fundamental purpose and responsibilities of the role.

In addition to the contents of this role description, employees are expected to undertake any and all other reasonable and related tasks allocated by line management.

If you would like to apply for one of these positions, please email a copy of your CV along with a detailed 2 page covering letter outlining your experiences of the Main Duties, Administrative, Communication and Financial points listed in the job description and how you meet all the points of the Person Specification requirements list.

Please email your application to Trevor.Mahon@ageuknycm.org.uk

Closing date for all applications is Friday 17th March 2023.