

Turas – Dual Diagnosis Case Worker

Turas is a Dundalk based community addiction service providing a range of supports to people with addiction. Our aim is to support people overcoming addiction to live healthy and meaningful lives.

Thanks to funding from Mental Health Ireland we have been able to create this position. The post holder will liaise between Turas and local community based mental health services in order to provide support for clients with both addiction and mental ill health.

The role will involve working cases in conjunction with other services and providing a wraparound service for each client in relation to their health and social care needs.

The successful candidate will require some experience of working with people in addiction or mental health and be a self-starter capable of establishing and developing the role in the time frame available.

Contract: 6 months with the possibility of extension depending on funding

Hours: 3 days per week with flexibility over the days worked

Salary: €19,000 for 3 days

Annual leave: 22 days pro rata

Location: Turas office in Dundalk

This role offers a fantastic opportunity to develop this new role and work between Turas and local statutory mental health services.

This post holder will be responsible for liaising with the Turas staff team and other relevant staff teams to ensure clients receive the specialist interventions required in relation to their dual diagnosis.

Job description

- * To establish and maintain a dual diagnosis case worker role within Turas including liaison with local mental health teams
- * To create referral pathways for clients to relevant external health and social care supports
- * To engage and work proactively with clients who have dual diagnosis issues, offering specialist support around their mental health and addiction needs
- * To case manage and support client needs in relation to health and social care issues and engage in care planning and the development of support plans for each client need
- * To undertake training in the Camberwell assessment of need and implement this tool for client assessments in conjunction with the patient and carers
- * To accompany service users to access appointments and engage with treatment options as required
- * To develop and maintain the ongoing liaison and relationship building between other relevant social and health care agencies and mental health and addiction services (e.g. homeless services, domestic violence services, GP's etc.)
- * To advocate for psychological / psychiatric assessments where appropriate and in the interest of the service user in conjunction with Turas Clinical Manager
- * To promote good mental health and wellbeing for clients
- * Maintain a high standard of care and continuity with individuals in relation to their health and wellbeing
- * To ensure all quality assurance policies and procedures are adhered to.
- * To observe Health & Safety Procedures in particular regular review of activity risk assessments and maintain a safe working environment for staff and clients
- * To observe clear professional boundaries in relations with the clients
- * To undertake and maintain all core training as provided by Turas
- * To undertake your role in a professional manner maintaining a high quality standard of work, and work in accordance with the aims, values, and ethos of the Turas
- * To undertake any additional duties that may be required which are commensurate of the role in consultation with your line manager
- * To keep and maintain accurate and up to date records in relation to care planning and other interventions as per Turas policies
- * To participate in data collection, reporting, and research initiatives as directed as per Turas policies
- * To actively participate in data gathering from this role in order to establish the extent of the issue and gain insight into outcomes achieved as per Turas policies

* To attend and participate in weekly team meetings, training, webinars/conference calls, supervision and other activities as directed by Turas

The above list is not exhaustive; additional areas of responsibility may be added over time and flexibility to cover for other staff roles is required from time to time.

Person Specification

* At least one year of working with clients who experience either addiction or mental or both

* Experience of working in liaison with other agencies within the voluntary and statutory sectors

* At least one year of regular use of IT systems with a good proficiency in Excel & Word

* A qualification in nursing, social care, social work, psychology/psychotherapy, addiction studies or other related area would be desirable.

* An understanding of why people become addicted and an awareness of mental health and how it can impact on people's lives

* Have an understanding of harm reduction and low threshold working and working within these values as part of a multidisciplinary and multiagency team

* The ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

* An openness to learning and self-development in relation to professional practice

* Ability to work independently, off-site as well as part of the team in Turas

* An understanding of relevant models of interventions that can be applied in working with people experiencing dual diagnosis

* Experience responding to crisis, knowledge of appropriate actions and use of initiative to support others

* An ability to liaise effectively with other service providers and represent the organisation externally

* An understanding of the statutory and voluntary sector resources available to people with dual diagnosis

* An understanding of the importance of an organisations policies and procedures and experience working with these guidelines

* Good computer skills including experience using client management computer software

* A commitment to and an understanding of equal opportunities and diversity

* Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings.

Application is by CV and a cover letter which outlines the candidates suitability for the role. All applications by email please to Maureen Zeltner by June 17th at 5pm email: Maureen.zeltner@turascounselling.ie For any questions please contact Nicki Jordan 042 9338221