Newcastle Trainee Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner

# Job details

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| Job title: | Trainee Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (PWP) |
| Department: | Newcastle IAPT Service |
| Reporting to: (job title only) | Senior Step 2 Practitioner/team leader |
| Accountable to: (where applicable) | Service manager, Clinical Lead, Step 2 senior. |
| Responsible to: (where applicable) | Service manager, Clinical Lead, Step 2 senior. |
| Job purpose: | We have the opportunity to recruit enthusiastic and committed Trainee Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners (Trainee PWPs) to join our  Newcastle Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Service. |
| Role and Responsibilities: | In this role, you will provide Low Intensity interventions whilst undertaking the PG Certificate delivered by Teesside University, commencing in February 2022. You will be required to attend teaching days at the university as well as time spent in placement for clinical work.  This training post will equip you to provide Step 2 Guided Self-Help Low Intensity Interventions to clients with a range of common mental health problems such as anxiety and depression in primary care, for which CBT interventions are demonstrated to be clinically effective.  You will be joining a motivated workforce and will be supported in the completion of both your academic study and the clinical delivery by skilled and experienced supervisors. |

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|  | On successful completion of your training you will transition into the role of a qualified PWP. |
| Training and supervision: | Provided by Teesside University and workplace, respectively. |
| Additional information: | As restrictions ease some travel including occasional overnight stays may be required, so a full clean driving licence is desired.  During the week you will be required to attend structured teaching days facilitated by Teesside University teaching staff and will be on placement within the Newcastle IAPT Service on the other days. |

# Person specification

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** | * Ability to study successfully at undergraduate year 1 level or the equivalent. | * Training in nursing, social work, occupational therapy, counselling or within a psychological therapy.  * Psychology or other health related postgraduate degree  * Psychology or other health related undergraduate degree. |
| **Experience** | * Evidence of working with people who have suffered with a mental health problem  * Evidence of ability to study successfully at undergraduate year 1 level or the equivalent. | * Previous mental health experience |
| **Skills/knowledge** | * IT literate – intermediate level minimum  * Flexible and able to provide out of hours clinics as required by service needs  * Willingness to travel | * Training in nursing, social work, occupational therapy, art therapy or within a psychological therapy,  psychology or other health  related undergraduate / post graduate degree. |
| **Specialist training** |  |  |
| **Personal competencies and qualities** | * Excellent verbal and written communication skills  * High level of enthusiasm and motivation  * Ability to work individually or within a team and foster good working relationships  * Ability to work under pressure  * Excellent time management skills |  |

**Version Control**

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