High Intensity Therapist

# Job details

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| Job title: | High Intensity Therapist |
| Department: | Primary Care Mental Health |
| Location: | Newcastle Upon Tyne |
| Reporting to: (job title only) | Team Lead |
| Direct reports: (job title only) | None |
| Accountable to: (where applicable) | Service Lead |
| Responsible to: (where applicable) |  |
| Job purpose: | * The successful candidate is responsible for providing high intensity CBT interventions recommended by NICE to clients with moderate to severe common Mental Health Disorders.  * To hold a full caseload and provide a 70/30 split between clinical and non-clinical time.  * The post holder will work with people with different cultural backgrounds and ages, using interpreters when necessary and should be committed to equal opportunities.  * VHG have a highly successful service and our staff are offered regular clinical skills and case management supervision to support the PWP to achieve the best results possible for your clients |
| Role and Responsibilities: |  |

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|  | * Carry out clinical audits of service performance, including service user surveys and evaluations, and help to collate and disseminate the results for feedback.  * Demonstrate an understanding and experience of delivering treatment for anxiety and depression in a Primary Care setting.  * Full range of competencies as laid out in the competence framework for CB (Roth and Pilling 2007).  * Formulate, implement and evaluate therapy programmes for clients. This will include face to face sessions as well as contributing to our evidence-based group work programmes.  * Adhere to an agreed activity contract relating to the number of client contacts offered, and clinical sessions carried out per week in order to minimise waiting times and ensure treatment delivery remains accessible and convenient.  * Complete all requirements relating to data collection within the service.  * Keep coherent records of all clinical activity in line with service protocols.   * Work closely with other members of the team ensuring appropriate step-up and step-down arrangements are in place to maintain a stepped care approach.   **Equality Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)**  We are proud to be an equal opportunities employer and are fully committed to EDI best practice in all we do. We believe it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure their actions support this with all internal and external stakeholders.   * Be aware of the impact of your behaviour on others * Ensure that others are treated with fairness, dignity and respect * Maintain and develop your knowledge about what EDI is and why it is important * Be prepared to challenge bias, discrimination and prejudice if possible to do so and raise with your manager and EDI team * Encourage and support others to feel confident in speaking up if they have been subjected to or witnessed bias, discrimination or prejudice * Be prepared to speak up for others if you witness bias, discrimination or prejudice |
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| Training and supervision: | * Ensure the maintenance of standards of practice according to the employer and any regulating, professional and accrediting bodies (e.g. BPS, UKCP, BABCP,), and keep up-to- date on new recommendations/guidelines set by the department of health (e.g. NHS plan, National Service Framework, National Institute for Clinical Excellence).  * Be aware of and keep up to date with advances in psychological therapies.  * Ensure clear professional objectives are identified, discussed and reviewed with senior therapists on a regular basis as part of continuing professional development.  * Attend clinical/managerial supervision on a regular basis as  agreed with Manager. |

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|  | * Participate in individual performance review and respond to agreed objectives.  * Keep up-to-date all records in relation to C.P.D. and ensure personal development plan maintains up to date specialist knowledge of latest theoretical and service delivery models/developments.  * To participate in an annual appraisal, training and personal development relevant to the role. To be responsible for personal development agreed with the line manager through the Knowledge.  * Attend relevant conferences/workshops in line with identified professional objectives.  * Ensure that client confidentiality is protected at all times.  * Maintain confidentiality of information at all times in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act  * Be conversant and comply with the VHG’s Health and Safety Policy and report as necessary any untoward incident or hazardous event utilising the trusts  * Be aware of and adhere to all VHG Policies and Procedures.  * Maintain and adhere to the necessary professional registration body where applicable.  * Ensure mandatory training is maintained according to trust policies and attend relevant conferences/workshops in line with identified professional objectives.  * To adhere to VHG values and behaviours. |

# Person specification

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** | Qualification from High Intensity IAPT Course (Post Graduate Diploma) or other Post Graduate CBT training course.  Accreditation with the BABCP, or eligibility for accreditation with BABCP. | Qualified to deliver any of the following:-  EMDR,  Interpersonal Psychological Therapy, IAPT Couples therapy for depression. |
| **Experience** | Experience of working in mental health services  Demonstrate experience of working in IAPT services.  Ability to meet agreed/specified service targets  Ability to manage own caseload and time in a climate of high performance targets  Demonstrates high standards in written communication  Able to write clear reports and letters to referrers | Experience of working in Primary Care\ IAPT Services  Experience of providing line management to clinical staff  Worked in a service where agreed targets in place demonstrating clinical outcomes |
| **Skills/knowledge** | IT literate – intermediate level minimum |  |
| **Specialist training** | Demonstrates an understanding of anxiety and depression and how it may present in Primary Care setting.  Knowledge of psychological, social and biological models of depression and anxiety  Demonstrates a knowledge of the issues surrounding work and the impact it can have on mental health/ benefits and employment systems  Knowledge of medication used in anxiety and depression and other common mental health problems Demonstrates an understanding for the  need to use evidence based |  |

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|  | psychological therapies and how it relates to this post  Basic understanding of service contracts and performance targets and of the importance of recording activity |  |
| **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 |  |