**Our purpose: ‘Making People Better’**

**Job details**

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| **Job title** | Community Outreach Researcher/ Evaluator  |
| **Department** | NHS Mental Health Service (BNSSG IAPT) |
| **Location** | Bristol |
| **Reporting to (job title only)** | Transformation Lead – BNSSG  |
| **Job purpose** | ‘Vitaminds’ is an NHS commissioned Primary Care talking therapies service which operates across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG).It aims to offer talking based interventions to help people struggling with anxiety and depression.This role is a fixed term, part time (one day a week for a year) job leading on organising and facilitating outreach sessions with particular communities in central and east Bristol to help us find out more about the blocks and barriers people from particular communities experience around accessing the ‘Vitaminds’ service. As part of the role, the post holder will be required to find out whether people report Vitaminds - BNSSG is appropriate for them and explore ways in which the service could be adapted t to make it feel more accessible and relevant to people from these communities.To support our Equality and Diversity agenda, the post holder would ideally be from Central and East Bristol, from an ethnic minority (‘BAME’) background, and have some experience of working with and engaging communities. Some experience in research/ evaluation would also be helpful but is not essential as full support will be given.This role is part of a research project facilitated by a grant from NHS ‘Charities Together’. The successful candidate would be offered support from Leads in the ‘Vitaminds’ team and from researchers at the University of Bristol. The work will be carried out as part of the ‘Inpsyte’ Health Integration Team (HIT):<https://www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/health-integration-teams/psychological-therapies-in-primary-care-hit/> |
| **Roles and Responsibilities** | * To help organise outreach group sessions with BAME communities in central and east Bristol
* To facilitate these groups to allow people a voice in feeding back about their experience and knowledge of accessing and using ‘Vitaminds - BNSSG’ and how this could be improved
* To record the findings from the facilitated group sessions
* To assist with the evaluation of the outputs from these sessions & report these to the Vitaminds – BNSSG Senior Management Team for oversight
* To explore other methods of hearing from diverse communities
* To assist in removing blocks and barriers to accessing the service, where possible
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**Person specification:**

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Experience** | * Experience of working with and engaging communities
* Good knowledge of the St Pauls/ Easton area of BristolSome lived experience of the issues facing people from ethnic minorities
 | * Experience of facilitating/ running groups in the community
* Experience of exploring other methods of hearing from diverse communities.
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| **Skills** | * Ability to organise and facilitate groups of people
* Good interpersonal skills
 | * Ability to undertake research and produce reports based on this
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| **Knowledge** | * Good knowledge of local services in central and east Bristol
* Knowledge of the Voluntary Sector in central and east Bristol
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| **Personal competencies and qualities** | * Active Listener
* Motivational
* Good knowledge of/ sensitivity around issues facing people from ethnic minorities
* Organisational skills
* Willing to travel for meetings and events around Bristol
 | * Experience of and enthusiasm for equality and diversity work
* Some basic knowledge about research and evaluation (though support will be given)
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