

### **Priory Outreach Service, Dundee**

#### **Overview of the Service**

Priory Outreach Service provides housing support and care at home for those with complex drug and alcohol issues who may have other difficulties including challenging behaviour, which may be hazardous to themselves or others, forensic needs, mental health difficulties, cognitive impairment and physical disability. The service provides practical support to people to maintain their tenancy and provide a safe and secure environment. The service also provides support to those most vulnerable in society to participate in social activities and access resources in the community relevant to their care and support needs.is

Each person has their own tenancy and the service is provided within their own home and the wider community.

### **Areas of Support**

The service takes a harm reduction approach support is provided to people with drug and alcohol dependence to help enhance their quality of life, whilst recognising that they will continue with the lifestyle choices they have made.

All the people we support have varying degrees of support needs, including: -

- Assistance with daily living tasks including support to go shopping, preparing and cooking meals, budgeting, administering medication and organising appointments.
- Developing and maintaining independent living skills
- Maximising physical health and mental well-being
- Providing emotional support when the person is feeling low and supporting people to access further relevant services and support.
- Building relationships with the people who use the service and create support plans to achieve positive outcomes using a person centred approach.
- Delivery of OST (Opioid Substitution Therapy) to people who are unable to do so themselves due to health needs.
- Support participation in social activities and access resources in the community relevant to their care and support needs
- Liaison with professionals from Social Work, NHS, families and carers to provide ongoing support and care
- Taking a proactive approach in responding to presenting and changing needs of the individuals

### **Hours of Support**

The service provides support between the hours of 8am-10pm, 7 days a week. Service user hours will be dependent on assessed need.

Staff contracted hours will fall within these hours, weekend working is required.

Shifts are planned in advance to meet the needs of the people using the service.

### **Additional Information**

- Manager on call system in place
- Regular supervisions and direct observations of practice along with yearly EPDR
- Working in partnership with external agencies and families.
- All necessary mandatory training will be provided.
- Receive service specific training which includes drug awareness and naloxone training.



# (Support Staff)

### **CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

Hours: Various hours are available, to be worked on a shift basis in

accordance with the project rota which will be designed to ensure that staff are on duty at times appropriate to the clients and service

delivery.

Contract: This is a Permanent post. All posts are subject to a 6 month

probationary period. A formal review will take place at 2, 4 and 6

months.

**Salary:** Salaries are paid monthly, directly into a bank account of your choice.

The rate of pay for the Support Worker post is £9.50 per hour.

**Sleeping In:** Staff may be required to undertake sleep-in duty in accordance with

the project rota. Hours on sleep-in duty are not counted towards normal weekly hours. Payment will be made at £85.50 per night. The sleep-in allowance covers overtime of up to half an hour on night time

call out.

Waking Nights: Staff may be required to undertake night duties, payment will be at

time and a third for hours worked between 10.00pm - 7.00am.

On Call: The post holder may be required to carry out On Call duties from

home. A payment of £16 per shift will be paid for this.

**Overtime:** Except for night-time call outs overtime is payable only where it is

agreed in advance by the organisation.

**Pension:** Hillcrest Futures offers a pension under the Governments statutory

auto-enrolment scheme, which is a Defined Contribution scheme with a company called NOW Pensions. At present staff contribute 5% with the employer 3% to the scheme as of 1st April 2019. Further details of

the scheme are available from the payroll team.

**Health Plan:** Employees are automatically given free admission to the Health Plan

Scheme. The cost for this is met by the Employer. Details will be sent

out with the Contract of Employment.

Annual Leave: The holiday year runs from 1st January - 31st December. The full

holiday entitlement is 249.6 hours per annum rising to 288.6 hours. 5 days Public holidays have been included in this annual leave entitlement. Unit Managers will commence on 288.6 hours per

annum. Annual leave is calculated on a pro rata basis for part time staff.

**Qualifications:** 

Any offer will be subject to proof of qualifications essential, and where appropriate desirable, to the post.

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974:

If you have any unspent convictions you must declare this on your application form.

In relation to 'spent' convictions, there is a list of convictions which must always be declared and a list of convictions that are declared, subject to rules. Failure to disclose relevant information will be regarded as a breach of trust and could lead to dismissal, disciplinary action or withdrawal of offers of employment.

If you are unsure whether or not you need to disclose a conviction/caution, please contact our Human Resources Department for further advice, or you can check by accessing Disclosure Scotland's website at www.disclosurescotland.co.uk and check the 'Frequently Asked Questions'.

Please note that all successful applicants will be subject to a Disclosure check through Disclosure Scotland.

HAVING A CRIMINAL RECORD WILL NOT NECESSARILY DEBAR YOU FROM WORKING WITH HILLCREST FUTURES. THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE NATURE OF THE POSITION, TOGETHER WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND BACKGROUND OF YOUR OFFENCES.

**SSSC Registration** 

Staff are required to register with the SSSC in the appropriate worker category within Care at Home and Housing Support Services. SSSC registration must be obtained within 6 months of commencing the post. Failure to register within the 6 month period, may result in your contract being terminated. Staff will be responsible for maintaining their registration throughout their employment with Hillcrest Futures.

**Trades Union:** 

Employee's have the right to join a Trades Union of their choice, if they wish, although Hillcrest Futures do not recognise any Trade Union. A Staff Representative group is in place.

**No Smoking Policy:** 

Smoking is prohibited in all projects and at Head Office. Designed smoking areas are outside the buildings and should be out of view of service users. This includes the use of E-cigarettes. Employees who are required to carry out their duties in buildings which are out with the control of the organisation are jointly responsible for minimising their own exposure to risk factors such as passive smoking.

Equal Opportunities: Hillcrest Futures is striving to be an equal opportunities employer and has adopted a Policy which aims to ensure that no job applicant receives less favorable treatment on grounds of race, colour, ethnic

and national origins, marital status, gender, age, religion, disability, political or sexual orientations, or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable.

**Applications:** Please forward CV's before the closing date.



### **Job Description**

Job Title: Support Worker
Department: Hillcrest Futures
Rate of Pay: £9.50 per hour

**Responsible to:** Manager and Assistant Manager

### **Organisational Structure**



### Main purpose of post:

Work as part of a team to deliver a high standard of care and support to individuals to help them to achieve their agreed individual outcomes. Support workers will be expected to adhere to the standards laid down by the Scottish Social Services Council Codes of Practice and Hillcrest Futures Policies and Procedures.

#### Main Duties:

- 1. To provide direct support to service users as agreed in individual Personal Outcome Plans as per service requirements;
- 2. To undertake case co-ordination responsibilities with, and on behalf of service users;
- 3. To be an effective team member;
- 4. Be an effective communicator;
- 5. To mentor and support the induction of new staff;
- 6. Contribute to team learning and development;
- 7. To take lead responsibility for a defined area of practice in the service, as negotiated and agreed with the line manager;
- 8. To contribute to service improvements;
- 9. To develop knowledge base and skills in line with registration requirements for the Scottish Social Services Council SSSC;
- 10. To undertake housing management tasks appropriate to the service as detailed in the service descriptor;
- 11. To participate in shift patterns, as required by the service, which may include evenings, weekends, waking nights, sleepover shifts, lone working and on-call duties.

### **Service Specific Duties:**

The service descriptor document is part of this Job Description and should be referenced in accordance to specific duties.

### **Any Other Duties:**

Carry out any other reasonable duties as required by the organisation.



## PERSON SPECIFICATION – Support Worker

Attribute	Essential	Desirable
Experience	<ul> <li>Ability to demonstrate transferrable skills relating to care</li> <li>Active listening</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Effective time management</li> <li>Daily Living Skills, for example, cooking, budgeting, appointments, cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Relevant experience in a caring environment</li> <li>Basic understanding and skill in the spectrum of tasks associated to role</li> <li>Previous experience with service user group relevant to the project</li> <li>A general understanding of the needs of the client group relevant to the project</li> </ul>
Proven Competencies	<ul> <li>Good communication skills, both verbal and written</li> <li>Ability to work within a team environment</li> <li>Ability to use own initiative</li> <li>Willing to participate in social events, for example, outings with service user groups</li> <li>Ability to support service users with tasks such as cooking, cleaning, budgeting, welfare benefits</li> <li>Personable, warm and kind</li> <li>Good timekeeping, time-management and organisational skills</li> </ul>	
Education and Qualification	<ul> <li>Candidates must demonstrate the ability and willingness to undertake required qualification for Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) registration, SVQ level 2.</li> <li>Candidates must be willing and able to obtain and maintain registration with SSSC as required by the service. Willing to undertake training as required</li> </ul>	SVQ 2 in Health and Social Care or equivalent
Service Specific	Car driver and use of car	