

Job Description

**Counsellor** or **Clinical, Counselling Psychologist** or **Psychotherapist**

Reporting to: Director of Services

Responsible to: Director of Services

Located at: Aware Head Office, 9 Leeson Street Upper, Dublin 4.

Aware is a well-known and highly respected charity in the mental health sector providing free support, education and information services to people impacted by depression, bipolar disorder, and other mood related conditions. Our support services include our Support and Self-Care Groups, a Support Line, a Support Mail service and the new Solace Café service. We also deliver a wide range of education and wellbeing programmes designed to empower adults, as well as senior cycle second level students with the knowledge and skills to build resilience and protect their mental health. To support the fulfilment of our mission, we are developing a counselling service to provide professional psychological interventions to people experiencing depression, bipolar disorder and anxiety. We are seeking counsellors / clinical, counselling psychologists / psychotherapists to work with us to fulfil our mission and to continue this important and valuable work in our society.

**The role:**

This is a contractor role, where the person delivering counselling will be employed on a contract for services basis.

The contract for services is one year in duration.

**Principal duties:**

* To provide short-term counselling contracts (up to eight sessions in duration) to people experiencing depression, anxiety, who may also have a diagnosis of bipolar disorder.
* To implement evaluation and outcome measures for the formal evaluation and research of Aware’s counselling service.
* To complete and maintain healthcare records to the highest of standards.
* To complete relevant administrative duties, including the implementation and recording of evaluation and outcome measures to the highest of standards.
* To participate in ongoing clinical supervision specific to the role of counsellor / clinical, counselling psychologist / psychotherapist at Aware.

**Candidate specification:**

* All counsellors / clinical, counselling psychologists / psychotherapists employed to conduct this work on behalf of Aware will have a recognised degree or professional post-graduate qualification in counselling, clinical, counselling psychology or psychotherapy recognised for accreditation by one of the following as appropriate: PSI, IACP, ICP, IAHIP.
* For clinical or counselling psychologists, a post-graduate professional qualification accredited and recognised by the PSI in clinical or counselling psychology is required. For clinical, counselling psychologists who obtained their professional qualification outside of Ireland validation from the Department of Health is required.
* All counsellors / clinical, counselling psychologists / psychotherapists employed to conduct this work on behalf of Aware will have fully accredited membership with one of the following as appropriate: PSI, IACP, ICP, IAHIP.
* All counsellors / clinical, counselling psychologists / psychotherapists employed to conduct this work on behalf of Aware will have a minimum of eight years post-accreditation experience in a clinically relevant area, having provided a range of psychological interventions in a wide range of settings, and with a diverse range of client presentations.
* Clinical experience of and expertise in the areas of depression, bipolar disorder, and other mood related conditions is essential.
* Extensive experience working in an organisation in the mental health sector is required.
* Training in at least one of the following: cognitive behavioural therapy, schema therapy, cognitive analytic therapy, psychoanalytic psychotherapy, compassion focused therapy.

**Desirable Criteria:**

* Experience / interest using evaluation and outcome measures as part of delivering counselling contracts with clients.
* Experience conducting research / preparing research publications.
* Knowledge of current theories and research in mental health, depression and anxiety.

**Application:**

For people wishing to apply for this position please send your CV along with a cover letter outlining your desire and suitability for this position, to Stephen McBride at stephen.mcbride@aware.ie by 5pm on Wednesday 6th November 2024.