

Dublin South City Partnership: Social Prescribing Link Worker **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/109326>)**



Social Prescribing Link Worker

Dublin South City Partnership is a local development organisation covering the areas of Dublin 8, 12 and parts of 4, 6, 6w. Our mission is to advance social inclusion and promote local and community development in Dublin South City by working in partnership with communities, individuals and stakeholders to support wellbeing, education, employment and enterprise. Our vision is to eliminate social exclusion by supporting and empowering individuals and communities to build a more equal, sustainable and vibrant society

We are currently recruiting for the role of a Social Prescribing Link Worker. The contract will run for a 12 month period and is renewable subject to funding. Salary is commensurate with experience and will be based on the Project workers scale with a starting point of circa €40,000.

The Role

To support the implementation and development of the DSCP Social Prescribing Project. This is a full-time position (a 28 hour week may be available subject to negotiation) delivering a person-centred service to people experiencing health difficulties. The operational area to be covered is Bluebell, Inchicore, Crumlin, Drimnagh and Walkinstown. The role entails working on a one-to-one basis with people in targeted communities to link in with a variety of local, community-based activities and supports in their community whilst contributing to improving the individuals' health and wellbeing, their self-management skills as well as their social connectedness within their local community

Key Duties and Responsibilities

Key responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- To implement referrals, provide holistic assessments and co-design social prescriptions.
- To keep accurate records and make regular reports.
- To develop new links with local communities, specific GPs and primary care centres in targeted areas to widen the reach of the DSCP Social Prescribing Programme.
- To implement referrals from participating community groups, GPs and other primary care health professionals, providing holistic assessments, co-designing a social prescription to improve health and well-being outcomes for individuals with a longer-term outcome of improving self-reported wellbeing and reducing the number of clinical /medical interventions required.
- To build and maintain a comprehensive map of local resources which are available to service users
- To manage referrals and cases on the relevant systems as well as using validated evaluation tools to measure health and wellbeing outcomes.
- To keep accurate records and adhere to confidentiality, information sharing protocols and provide monitoring information as required.
- To adhere to Data Protection policies and practices to ensure compliance with GDPR.
- Any other duties relevant to the role at may be assigned from time to time.

Person Requirement:

The ideal candidate will have:

- A relevant third level or professional qualification, ideally in a health, social care-related or community development area.
- Minimum of 2+ years' experience of working within the community and / or health / care setting

- Good understanding of multi-stakeholder working and the local and community development sector
- A clean driver's licence and the use of a car or other transport to enable travel around the areas covered by the Social Prescribing Programme
- The Garda Vetting procedure will apply to this role

Personal/Professional Attributes

- Have compassionate and empathetic skills required to supportively engage with individuals referred to the service
- Be able to work on their own initiative, as part of a team and manage to co-ordinate multiple responsibilities
- Have a positive track record of working collaboratively in community settings
- Have an ability to gain people's trust and understand/appreciate diverse groups
- Demonstrate an understanding and commitment to addressing key determinants of health
- Maintain the highest level of confidentiality, discretion and professionalism at all times
- Demonstrate capability to conduct one's self in a calm and professional demeanour when dealing with the public and/or with difficult situations
- A proven understanding of safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults and ability to implement relevant policies and procedures
- Have excellent time management and record keeping skills
- Be proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- Flexibility in adjusting hours to accommodate the needs of the role
- At all times, adhere to the values of DSCP

Reporting Relationships

The Social Prescribing Link Worker will report to the Workability Coordinator.

Application Process

Applications marked 'Social Prescribing Link Worker' to be sent by email tcelaineability@dscp.ie (<mailto:elaineability@dscp.ie>). Please include a cover letter (1 page max.) outlining your relevant experience / suitability for this position along with an up-to-date CV (no more than 2 pages).

Closing date for receipt of applications is **17/07/2024 at 12pm.**

Please note that:

- Dublin South City Partnership is an Equal Opportunities Employer
- No late applications will be accepted and canvassing will lead to disqualification
- Any offer will be subject to satisfactory references



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