**Job Description for Role of**

**Gambling Counsellor/Psychotherapist**

**Overall Purpose of the Role:**

To work with and support people who have a gambling addiction, those who are struggling with harmful gambling and their affected others.

To work in and with the community to determine the needs within the area, to build confidence and capacity of individuals, families experiencing gambling addiction and its effects.

To network with service providers and other agencies and be actively involved in relevant interagency work.

**Key Areas of Work:**

* Organise and set up appointments and contact and set up relevant locations.
* Outreach the services of Portlaoise FRC as required/requested.
* Work as part of the FRC team to deliver and develop relevant Family and Parent Supports to families dealing with Gambling Addiction, for example individual support to affected others, group work and other relevant supports.
* Work with and liaise with other agencies and organisations of relevance.
* Prepare monthly written reports for Manager including notes/minutes from meetings with other agencies where appropriate.
* Attend meetings and quarterly staff meetings and other training, planning days as requested. Identify, develop and promote policies and procedures as part of the team.
* Work within the policies, procedures and governance of Portlaoise FRC.
* Be accountable to the Board of Directors through regular support and supervision with the Clinical Manager / Manager as required both orally and written.
* Meet with Line Manager on a weekly basis for planning and case management.
* Participate in ongoing training and development when requested and where it enhances the delivery of services and in the continued professional development of staff.
* Promotion of the service through media, radio, social media etc.
* Report to the FRCNF and GAT as required.
* Participate in trainings, evaluations and meeting as required for the duration of the project.
* Any other tasks as requested by Manger and/or Board of Directors.

**Person Specification:**

**Essential**

* Relevant qualification in Counselling & Psychotherapy from an IACP/IAHIP/FT accredited body.
* Be in their own supervision.
* Ability to make decisions.
* Organisational, planning and prioritising skills.
* Efficient time management skills.
* Group Work and facilitation skills.
* Report and note writing.
* Maintaining confidentiality and boundaries.
* Respectful, patient and good listening skills, ability to value other people’s perspectives.
* Honest and trustworthy.
* ICT skills.

**Desirable:**

* Relevant Masters.
* A basic understanding of addiction.
* Minimum 3 or 5 years experience post qualification dealing with a wide range. of issues.
* In their own personal therapy.
* Excellent people skills, interpersonal and communication skills.
* Flexible, ability to work on own initiative and as part of team.
* Own transport and a full driver’s licence.
* First Aid and Health and Safety Training.
* An understanding of complex need and child protection issues.
* Non-Judgemental, positive outlook.
* Ability to understand the impact of poverty and disadvantage on communities and;
* Ability to situate one’s counselling practice and therapeutic approach within a human rights-based approach to family support and community development.

**About the Psychotherapist/Counsellor Role**

* 14 Hours per week.
* Probation period of 9 months with reviews being held at 3 months, 6 months and 9 months.
* Garda Vetting is essential.
* Flexible working hours will be essential; evening/weekend sessions maybe required.
* Regular reports on the work will be required by the Manager for the Board.
* Annual Leave will include shut down periods over Christmas/New Year with Christmas Eve as a grace day.
* A commitment to completing specific training (eg Certificate in Gambling Addiction) which will be funded by the Gambling Awareness Trust if candidate does not have the qualification already.
* **Location: Portlaoise CFRC**
* **Salary** €42,000 (pro rata)
* **Annual Leave 22 days** (Pro rata)

**Please apply by sending you CV Application form to** [**manager@portlaoisefrc.ie**](mailto:manager@portlaoisefrc.ie)