

The Foxton Centre – Outreach Project Worker

POST: Outreach Project Workers

HOURS: 32 hours per week to include early morning, evening and afternoon outreach.

SALARY: £18,120.00

CLOSING DATE: 31 August 2020

The Foxton Centre aims to work with the most marginalised communities in Preston to provide them with opportunities to flourish as human beings.

From our community base we work with many people on the margins of city life – rough sleepers, street sex workers, young people in the Avenham district – who often face problems with poverty, addiction, and mental health issues.

As we grow we are looking for passionate, highly motivated individuals to join our team.

Main Role:

To engage with rough sleepers in and around Preston. To include anti-social hours which will include early morning hours of 3am-7am, some afternoons and evenings until 8pm

Main tasks and responsibilities.

- As a member of the Outreach Team you would identify and engage with Rough Sleepers around Preston
- Carry out street-based assessments and case work as necessary
- Responsible for liaising and networking with partner agencies and feeding into strategic multi-agency groups, as well as completing referrals to other agencies
- Administration duties such as compiling statistics and progress reports, including recording and monitoring of caseloads and undertake the Rough Sleepers quarterly count
- Proactively engage with difficult and vulnerable clients and support clients to make informed choices about their own wellbeing
- Advocate where possible on behalf of clients with external agencies e.g. Drug / Alcohol Services, Probation, Health Care Providers
- To motivate and help clients access pathways to accommodation
- Accompany clients to attend appointments and where possible to encourage the clients to represent themselves
- Undertake welfare checks where required
- Provide clients with practical and emotional support of active engagement, and build on client's strengths
- Ensure all service users case files are up to date and relevant, in line with The Foxton Centre policy and procedures.
- Identify ways in which project services can develop and improve with special reference to homeless and vulnerable people in Preston.

Outreach Project Worker Person Specification

- Experience in working with client experiencing homelessness

- Managing complex and difficult situations in relation to people
- Experience of case work including case management systems
- Experience of completing administration tasks such as compiling data, stats and reports
- An understanding of housing issues and regulations
- Ability to liaise with and co-ordinate the work of a number of agencies / individuals to achieve effective outcomes for clients
- An understanding of the issues involved in providing support to people with mental health and complex needs
- Adhere to policies and procedures within the organisation
- Ability to be flexible in approach and a commitment to Diversity and Equality.
- Understanding of professional boundaries and the importance of confidentiality
- Understanding of the issues involved in providing support to people with complex support needs including alcohol and substance dependency, as well as enduring mental health needs

Please send us your CV with a covering letter to info@thefoxtoncentre.co.uk and detail how you meet the above specifications.

For a full job description visit our website www.thefoxtoncentre.co.uk