

The Foxton Centre – RSI Project Worker

Job Description

POST:	Rough Sleepers Initiative Project Workers
HOURS:	2 x 37 hours per week (covers 8am – 8pm flexible working)
SALARY:	£20,952
CLOSING DATE:	6 October 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:

Support the ongoing work within our Rough Sleeping Initiative Project. To support clients who were previously long term homeless in maintaining shared accommodation. Manage caseloads and 1:1 support for clients.

Main tasks and responsibilities.

- As a member of the RSI team you would provide high quality, support for clients through case work and 1:1 support
- To maintain a caseload of clients and offer clients assertive, consistent, ongoing advice and guidance tailored to their individual needs.
- Responsible for liaising and networking with partner agencies and feeding into strategic multi-agency groups, as well as completing referrals to other agencies
- Carry out risk assessments in relation to all clients, and carry out regular reviews in line with our risk management protocols
- Identify ways in which project services can develop and improve with special reference to homeless and vulnerable people in Preston.
- 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 and ensure they comply with terms of their tenancies
- Accompany clients to attend appointments and where possible to encourage the clients to represent themselves
- Support and assist viewing properties
- Undertake welfare checks and safeguarding referrals where required
- Provide clients with practical and emotional support to address their needs through active engagement, and build on client's strengths

- Work pro-actively with a range of support agencies to develop and apply packages of care designed to solve problems that threaten the successful tenancy of clients.
- Ensure all service users case files are up to date and relevant, in line with The Foxton Centre policy and procedures.

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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 jackie.hull@thefoxtoncentre.co.uk detail how you meet the above specifications.

We will not consider any applications without a **covering letter**.

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