



## **Senior Social Worker - Adults Intermediate Care Team**

**Salary: Band 10, £44.252- £48.738 - per annum**

**37 hours per week**

Office attendance is required and this remains flexible, subject to business needs.

**Location:** Civic office although you will be required to work in other locations across the City such as QA Hospital, Summerlee and Spinnaker.

Portsmouth City Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of 'adults at risk' and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Every post is subject to PCC and Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board safer recruitment procedures.

This role requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check at Enhanced level which will be required prior to any offer of employment and this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

### **The Service**

Adults Intermediate Care is within the Directorate of Adult Social Care. The primary purpose of ASC is to deliver its statutory duties as directed by the Care Act 2014, Mental Health Act 1983, and Mental Capacity Act 2005. Through delivery of these duties, residents who have or are likely to develop Care and Support needs will be supported to 'live the lives they want to lead'.

We provide a single approach to supporting people who are moving through admission avoidance, the acute hospital, inpatient settings, and rehabilitation and reablement services.

The post is based within the Portsmouth Adults Intermediate Care Team (AICT) supporting our integrated services including, Community Rehab Service, The Transfer of Care Hub, The Acute Hospital and Inpatient units.

We deliver a high-quality service and those who use the service are at the heart of everything we do. We pride ourselves on our Home first model enabling our staff to work creatively and proactively with people and their carers to remain living the lives they chose.

Our staff are supported in their roles and encouraged to develop through regular supervision, training, reflective practice, and involvement in the social work groups that support practice development.

We take pride in our work by valuing others, focusing on what's important so that we make a real and positive difference. If you share these values this role could be for you.

## **What is the role?**

You will join a team of Social Workers and Social Care Associate Practitioners based within the Portsmouth Integrated services. Your role will involve assessing the needs of adults and their Carers, to identify creative ways to meet their assessed outcomes under the Care Act 2014.

The role includes outcome led interventions, using a strength-based approach to support people to live the lives they chose. You will be able to work collaboratively with others, maintaining a strength based and aspirational approach to achieve the outcomes the person wants.

Duties include:

- Assessing clients' needs and agreeing a person-centred support plan in line with our statutory duties under The Care Act 2014.
- Completing reviews of assessments and support plans as required.
- Supporting people with their health, mental health, and social care needs by promoting independence.
- Assessing mental capacity when required.
- Working independently and managing your own caseload including maintaining case records efficiently and effectively.
- Working with a wide range of services and agencies, including health, police, housing, residential/nursing home providers, domiciliary care agencies, homeless services, housing and local charities.
- The safeguarding of adults is an important and integral area of your work as will be the implementation of the safeguarding policy and procedures.
- Act in an advisory role to colleagues in the integrated services both ad hoc and within weekly MDTs.
- As an experienced social worker, you will be supervising Registered/unregistered staff.

## **Who is the person?**

You need:

1. A qualification in social work, e.g. Degree, Dipsw, QCSW, CSS and be registered with Social Work England.
2. Significant experience of working with adults in a statutory social work fieldwork setting, including substantial involvement in Safeguarding Adults.
3. Demonstrable experience of managing complex cases, undertaking risk assessment and decision-making, and providing professional support, guidance, and oversight to less experienced practitioners.
4. A thorough understanding and working knowledge of the legislation that governs the adult social care role (Care Act, Mental Health Act, Mental Capacity Act, Human Rights Act) and a comprehensive awareness of practice to safeguard adults and children.
5. Experience of supervising and supporting staff is essential

6. A robust and comprehensive skills in risk management with a confident ability in assessing, planning, and recording of sensitive information and data.
7. A professional curiosity and the ability to negotiate, work creatively and flexibly with aptitude for innovative decision making.
8. To be able to demonstrate a range of effective communication skills including the ability to converse with a diverse range of people sometimes under challenging circumstances or where there maybe barriers to understanding.
9. The ability to advocate for individuals and carers using a problem-solving approach as well as good assessment skills.
10. An evidence-based record of agreed interventions.
11. A positive approach to motivating others to achieve positive outcomes in relation to rights, choice, independence, and inclusion.
12. To be able to form effective relationships with partner agencies to provide effective solutions for people.
13. Substantial experience of working within a multi-disciplinary service/setting is desirable.

You will need to demonstrate that you have the Right to Work in the UK. No post will be offered without it.

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

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