

Community Mental Health Practitioner - Peer Practitioner

Our vision: *People and communities have strong mental health and wellbeing.*

Our purpose: *Partnering with clients and carers to deliver mental health and wellbeing services that enhance quality of life.*

Our values: *Hope, Creativity and innovation, Client focus, Making a difference, Integrity.*

Position Information

Purpose	<p>The Community Mental Health - Peer Practitioner utilises their lived experience of mental ill health and recovery to provide clients support to live independently in their place of residence. The Peer Practitioner is expected to be a champion of co-design and co-production in all aspects of the service. Working with clients to define their own outcomes whilst providing individual and shared support within a residential setting. They ensure support provided is aligned with the client's NDIS plan, Supported Independent Living (SIL) goals and My Better Life Plan.</p> <p>Peer support is an important part of Mind's approach to recovery. The Community Mental Health - Peer Practitioner works as part of a multidisciplinary team, with lived experience of mental ill health and recovery being the unique specialist lens that they bring.</p>
Position reports to	Service Manager
Mind classification level	SCHADS Level 3
Stream	Victoria Operations
About the service	<p>The Early Intervention Psychological Support Response Service (EIPSRS) is an outreach service that provides a person centered approach to recovery, which is tailored to meet individual needs. The focus is on supporting people to achieve their better life goals.</p> <p>This service is delivered through both individual outreach and groups. Services are provided on the basis of a tiered complexity basis which will guide the level of engagement based on need. A mix of individual outreach and group work and/ or just individual or group work services will be provided as required. The EIPSRS group program is designed to support the person through social, wellness and therapy groups.</p>

Mind values the experience and contribution of people from all cultures, genders, sexualities, bodies, abilities, ages, spiritualities and backgrounds. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with a lived experience of mental ill-health and recovery, people living with disability, those who identify as LGBTIQ and applicants from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



Position description effective date	January 2022
Responsibilities	
Peer work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilise your own lived experience of mental ill health and recovery to inform your work and the work of the team. • Disclose your lived experience in an appropriate and purposeful manner to support, empower, bring hope and support the recovery of clients. • Draw on the broader lived experience knowledgebase to inform your practice. • Support the team to understand and deliver services that are consistent with recovery oriented practice. • Undertake projects and adopt portfolios as required. • Spearhead co-design and coproduction in all aspects of the service including program evaluation, planning, decision making and service design.
Provide support to residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with clients to achieve their goals as set out within their NDIS plan, Supported Independent Living quote and My Better Life Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming and engaged. - Support is individually tailored to meet the individuals' needs and is relevant to what the client is being funded to receive. - Skill and capacity development. - Engagement and maintenance of natural supports. - Service exit and on-going self-management support. • Support clients in a range of areas including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming and engaged. - Understanding and managing client's own mental health. - Developing daily living skills and capacity for self-care. - Supporting clients to maintain their home through direct assistance, role modelling and facilitating skills development. - Crisis and incident management. - Addressing stigma and managing issues arising from trauma. - Managing physical health and supporting management of drug and alcohol issues. - Understanding the principles of citizenship. • Purposefully engage with clients using techniques including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief intervention and person centred strengths based practice. - Motivational interviewing and coaching. - Family inclusive and trauma informed practice. - Conflict resolution and harm minimization. - Support for individuals with a dual disability.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in collaboration with Mind's Dual Disability Practice Advisor to ensure appropriate supports are provided to individuals who may have associated behaviors of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement strategies of a Positive Behaviour Support plan in the least restrictive manner. - Ensure all legislative requirements are completed when required. • Support family and carer roles through understanding their concerns and the provision of information, education and referrals. • Facilitate, as appropriate, the re-engagement and maintenance of family and carer relationships. • Work with families and carers at the time of transition back to community.
Undertake group work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and develop group work programs that will assist clients to build their skills, focus on their recovery. • Deliver group work programs as the lead/co-facilitator based on peer values and principles. • Engage and support clients to co-produce and co-facilitate groups/events. • Evaluate and review group work programs.
Work with local Service providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with clients to fully understand their need for assistance from local service providers with clinical services, physical health, education and employment, eligible entitlements and benefits, housing, transport, recreation and social connections. • Make linkages and build relationships and referral pathways to maintain or create a range of local supports for clients that facilitate them living the life of their choosing in their own community.
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the day to day operations of the residential service through undertaking a range of housekeeping duties including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing rooms for new residents, washing linen, food shopping and meal preparation and maintaining office spaces in a clean and hygienic state. - Ensuring all communal areas are home-like and welcoming at all times. - Support residents with developing a routine with daily living skills through role modelling.
Professional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake relevant training and professional development, including regular supervision, appropriate to the primary work of the service and Mind. • Participate in reflective practice.
Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct yourself in accordance with the Mind Code of Conduct and Mind policies and procedures which may change from time to time.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactively support Mind's vision of supporting people facing mental health challenges to live well and be socially included, in accordance with the Mind values.
Workplace health, safety and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute actively to the maintenance of a safe workplace. Ensure all safety issues are reported and addressed as they arise.
Lived experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to a workplace that values lived experience and the inclusion of consumers, carers and families in the work we do.
Cultural safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to a culturally safe workforce and service environment for staff, consumers, carers and volunteers from all cultures, genders, sexualities, bodies, abilities, spiritualities, ages and backgrounds.



Position Requirements	
Qualifications required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tertiary qualifications (minimum Certificate IV) in Mental Health, Peer Work, Psychology, Social Work, Occupational Therapy or other health related field as designated by Mind.
Knowledge, skills and experience required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived experience of mental ill health and recovery and the ability and willingness to use this to inform your work and the work of the team is required. • Experience working directly with people with mental health issues, complex needs, and with their families and carers. • Ability to co-facilitate groups and education support. • Demonstrated ability to plan and prioritise service delivery requirements. • Demonstrated experience in documenting client notes, reporting and working with a variety of electronic systems. • Demonstrated understanding of available community services networks and supports. • Proven ability to work autonomously and as a member of a team. • Sound interpersonal and presentation skills. • Excellent customer service skills. • Awareness and understanding of the NDIS is desirable.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to work in Australia. • Current valid driver's licence. • Current NDIS Worker Screening Check Clearance. • Working with Children Check or equivalent (Blue Card - QLD). • Able to obtain and provide evidence of vaccinations against COVID-19.

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