

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job title	Peer Education Practitioner
Sector/Function	Public Health
Department	Resilience Sexual Health and Substance Misuse for Young People
Reports to	Team Manager
Grade	3

Resilience Hammersmith and Fulham sexual health and substance misuse service	As part of the young people's Resilience service, Turning Point will be delivering a new model of sexual health and substance misuse support throughout the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. Turning Point is the commissioned organisation for the contract and the staffing structure, and composition reflects a mixed leadership model which is governed by a Partnership Board.
Job purpose	<p>To engage with local people and raise awareness of sexual health and substance misuse promotion.</p> <p>Support the use and development of a survey tool to encourage people to consider their own sexual health and substance misuse knowledge, as well as how to improve it.</p> <p>To provide workshops around the core topics to the young Hammersmith and Fulham community</p> <p>To contribute to a digital social media campaign promoting awareness for the integrated area.</p> <p>Actively challenge the stigma associated with sexual health and substance misuse to improve healthy conversations and increase access into services.</p> <p>The role will take place in a variety of community settings accessible to local people and target populations, such as youth clubs.</p>
Key accountabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide high quality information in the form of workshops, based on local and national evidenced base • To contribute to the digital social media campaign by posing healthy messages on platforms such as Instagram. • To engage the young Hammersmith and Fulham community by supporting them in the completion of a sexual health and substance misuse survey. • To engage with local people to promote sexual health and substance misuse messages and identify those who may benefit from further service support • To work as a team with colleagues to achieved shared community engagement goals • To inform people of local service and activity provision which could support their wider health and wellbeing needs, in addition to sexual health and substance misuse needs.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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Personal effectiveness	Essential	Desirable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective communication skills with both individuals and groups • Experience of being active and being able to work effectively in a team or group • Respectful and encouraging of people regardless of their different backgrounds • Committed to personal and professional development • Maturity to discuss controversial subjects without judgement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to speak one or more community languages commonly used by local people • Ability to confidently speak in front of groups of young people • Understanding and commitment to raising awareness of the things that make individuals healthy and unhealthy
Technical effectiveness	Essential	Desirable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fluent written and spoken English ▪ Basic numeracy and literacy skills ▪ Experience of managing your own time ▪ Good IT skills including social media ▪ Able to respect confidentiality even in difficult situations ▪ Able to identify, assess and manage risks ▪ Evidence that demonstrates public health competence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Track record of effective community engagement
Acquired experience & qualifications	Essential	Desirable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience of engaging with a local community ▪ Know how to find out about local services ▪ A proven track record of reliable attendance and punctuality ▪ Organisational skills to insure training information is retained and applied in the practical role ▪ Knowledge of the Hammersmith and Fulham young community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knowledge of the impact of inequalities and barriers to health improvement ▪ At least one year's experience of volunteering or supporting your local community
Other requirements	Essential	Desirable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Desire to be an active member of the health, social care and public health sector 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maturity to discuss sexual health and substance misuse topics in a non-judgemental way▪ Ability and willingness to travel to sites as required.▪ A willingness and ability to work flexibly including evenings and some weekend work as may be required.▪ Able to maintain professional boundaries	
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