



Job Description & Person Specification

Job Title: Forensic Psychologist

Service: Operations

Reports to: Head of Service

Direct Reports: None

About The Role

A Forensic Psychologist is responsible for supporting individuals with specific needs, offering a level of contact, support, and supervision to reintegrate within society. This role will aim to support the team to deliver a high quality, trauma-informed service, working with internal and external teams to aid recovery, reablement, and rehabilitation in a psychologically informed environment (PIE). This role will focus on providing psychological assessments and support for our residents and participants who have multiple complex needs and will support the staff team to ensure every interaction is aligned with the support plan for those individuals.

They will work in accordance with service specifications and agreements to provide a flexible service which is responsive, and inclusive to individual needs, underpinned by SIG's Theory of Change.

About the Post Holder

The post holder will be a self-starter, able to proactively encourage, take leadership and ownership for creating a positive psychologically informed environment. They will have the ability to communicate highly complex and sensitive information effectively and will have a background in a similar role as a Forensic Psychologist working with similar client groups. They will be HCPC registered and have post-graduate doctoral level training.

The post holder will be driven to provide high quality, effective and person-centred support to others. They will thrive when working as part of a team, be an effective communicator, and able to build long-term purposeful relationships with people from different backgrounds, respecting and embracing equality, diversity, and inclusion. They will embrace SIG's values and represent these in everything they do. The post holder will be compassionate, supportive, and empowering to others, comfortable working in a fast-paced and constantly changing environment. They will have a nonjudgmental approach and support us in achieving our mission to empower people by building powerful partnerships and creative solutions that bridge gaps in provision and aid recovery, reablement, and resettlement.

Key Responsibilities

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

- Be integral in the application of staff understanding of criminology, psychology, and behavioural patterns, and how they link to resident/participant behaviours and engagement.
- Provide highly specialised psychological assessment for participants/residents with highly complex conditions based on the appropriate use, interpretation, and integration of data from a variety of sources, which may include neuropsychological testing.
- Recognise signs of deteriorating mental health, physical health, or other health implications, as well as signs of harm, abuse, and neglect, including poor clinical practice and initiate appropriate interventions to prevent crisis or other risks.
- Exercise full clinical responsibility for resident/participant psychological care as a care coordinator within a multidisciplinary team.
- Formulate and implement plans for various therapy routes and management of assessing mental health conditions based upon appropriate conceptual frameworks and evidence-based practice.
- Discuss and negotiate care plans with all relevant internal and external parties.
- Undertake highly skilled evaluations and make decisions about treatment options and provide guidance and consultation to other parties contributing to the resident/participant's diagnosis, formulation, and intervention plan.
- Facilitate one to one and group workshops and interventions, workshops, PIE training, and support with implementation plans across the organisation.
- Ensure all work carried out is compliant with Health and Safety, CPD activities and HCPC requirements.

RISK MANAGEMENT, INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND CASE RECORDING

- In line with SIG's Theory of Change, carry out strengths-based assessments of need and risk and deliver holistic support and risk management plans, enabling residents/participants to achieve their aspirations and keep themselves safe.
- Follow the relevant safeguarding, risk assessment and management procedures, record, and share any relevant information with partner agencies as appropriate.
- Ensure all case recording, and information is accurately recorded in a timely manner, ensuring electronic records are protected in line with GDPR, and kept up to date and written to a high standard.
- Responsible for reporting concerns, risks, or circumstances and taking all reasonable steps to protect residents/participants, and others within the community groups.
- Ensuring a proactive approach to identifying and reporting community risks associated with our resident group and SIG-owned or managed properties.

GENERAL SERVICE DELIVERY AND MANAGEMENT

- Participate in clinical audits, and other administration activities including compiling reports.

- Support with identifying internal and external trends and challenges, apply this to continuous improvement for the service.
- Ensure service responsibilities and requirements are carried out effectively. This includes but is not limited to welfare checks, risk assessments, support sessions, safeguarding checks, training and development, and other responsibilities required for effective service delivery.
- Work flexibility in working patterns and duties, responding to the needs of the service, team, and residents/participants.

SIG POLICIES AND DATA PROTECTION

- Promote, advise, and lead by example by embodying SIG values in creating a positive and productive environment including a Psychologically Informed Environment (PIE) with support.
- Demonstrate and facilitate high standards of service provision in line with organisational values and requirements, ensuring a safe, effective, caring, and responsive service, with support.
- Assist in implementing improvements in and maintain confidentiality in line with organisational policy in respect to residents, participants, staff, and the organisation with support.
- Adhere to and be aware of changes to SIG policies, processes, best practice, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), and data protection always and assist in implementing them where appropriate.
- Lead by example and assist in reporting and improving Health, Safety, and Environmental procedures, whilst following policies and processes in place.

Other responsibilities than those described above may be required to be undertaken from time to time and will be expected to be performed to as long as it is within the capacity and level of the position.



Person Specification

Qualification and Experience:	Rating
Post-graduate doctoral level training in Applied Psychology (or equivalent) as accredited by the BPD (or equivalent awarding body). This can include models of psychopathology, clinical psychometrics, and neuropsychology, two or more distinct psychological therapies and lifespan developmental psychology	Essential
HCPC registration as an applied Psychologist with chartered status	Essential
Previous experience working as a qualified forensic psychologist, including working with people with complex backgrounds/needs and a good understanding of the sector	Essential
Skills and Abilities	
Ability to use, learn and adapt to IT at an intermediate level, including Microsoft and other software programs.	Essential
Ability to teach, train, consult, and deliver clinical supervision	Essential
Understanding of criminology, psychology, and behavioural patterns, and how they link to different behaviours and engagement	Essential
Ability to understand and apply safeguarding protocols as they arise	Essential
Ability and willingness to show flexibility of working patterns, responding to the needs of the service and residents	Essential
Ability to promote the service and provide outreach-based provision, with an ability to liaise and work effectively in partnership with stakeholders	Essential
Understanding and/or practical knowledge of the social and societal marginalisation that can be attached to people with complex needs	Essential
Personal Characteristics	
Excellent interpersonal skills, both written and oral. Ability to form and build effective relationships and rapport with others	Essential
Ability to influence and negotiate positive outcomes with others	Essential
Proactive in making decisions to deal with challenges and providing a solution focused approach using initiative	Essential
Ability to work with confidential information, maintain accurate records and write accurate reports	Essential
Cultural awareness, Self-awareness, and ability to identify personal growth areas and take feedback	Essential
Sensitivity and empathy to others, and ability to deal with individual circumstances with professionalism	Essential
Trauma-informed, non-judgmental approach to overcome barriers and achieve goals with self and others	Essential
Alignment with SIG's core values, mission, and vision	Essential