Onside is a voluntary organisation promoting the rights and interests of people facing disadvantage. We are all about people, supporting and empowering them to live the very best life possible. Onside works to strengthen communities and reduce loneliness, we ensure that the most vulnerable people are not alone and feel connected to the people and places closest to where they live.

**We have an opportunity available for**

**Volunteer Support Co-ordinator Social Prescribing**

**20 hours per week**

**Salary £20,114 per annum (pro rata)**

Onside are delighted to be working with Primary Care Networks and Secondary Care Settings across Worcestershire to deliver a Social Prescribing service for their patients. This service will be supported by volunteers therefore we have new opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to join our team to support this new and exciting area of our work.

Key Elements of the role;

* Take the lead in the matching, set up and monitoring of volunteers delivering social prescribing support
* Assist the Volunteer Manager in effective recruitment activities and communication to volunteers
* Work with the Social Prescribing team to identify and match suitable volunteers with patients who are accessing the Social Prescribing service
* Oversee the effective volunteer delivery of Social Prescribing provision including recording, monitoring and review
* Work in collobararation with the Social Prescribing team to ensure effective support and guidance is available to volunteers.
* Work with the Social Prescribing team to identify suitable volunteers to provide a range of mentoring and advocacy support and manage the matching process.
* Set clear boundaries and expectations in terms of volunteer input and support
* Ensure volunteers maintain accurate and up to date records of their activity, outcomes and outputs ensuring the value and impact of volunteer support is captured
* Liaise and work closely with the Volunteer Manager to ensure volunteer support and training needs are being met
* Where appropriate, meet with and interview potential volunteers interested in Social Prescribing, including post training follow up interviews
* Support the wider work of the Volunteer team including promotion and recruitment activities

We are seeking people with a real commitment to volunteering, social prescribing and an understanding of the potential benefits for all involved. You must be an excellent communicator, have time for people and be committed to supporting local communities to care for each other. You will have great interpersonal skills enabling you to engage, motivate, recruit and support volunteers.

It is essential to have an open-minded, non-judgemental, respectful attitude together with an ability to easily create partnerships based on trust. Sound judgement and reliability are fundamental alongside a warm, friendly personality.

The work is interesting and rewarding, you will need to be resourceful, creative and organised with the ability to respond to change, manage a varied workload and work independently.

**If you would like to make a real difference to someone’s life and share our commitment to creating more inclusive communities we would like to hear from you.**

For an informal conversation or more information please call 01905 27525 and ask to speak to Claire Watkins

**Closing Date for Applications: Monday 2nd December 2019 at 5pm**

**Interviews: week commencing 9th December 2019**

Please note, CV’s will not be accepted. For an application pack or specific queries regarding the posts please contact:

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