

Counsellor: Emerging Stronger project



Contract type: Fixed-term. 6 months, to be extended to 12 months subject to funding.
Hours: 1 days a week, 7.5 hours.
Salary: £2,700
Location: Elm Park, Filton and from home.
Start date: Late April, to be agreed.

Reports to: Head of Counselling
Key relationships: Lead Counsellor & Co-ordinator (Emerging Stronger Project), Counselling Co-ordinator, Chief Executive

Job purpose

Working closely with the Lead Counsellor & Co-ordinator and our established counselling service to provide counselling or therapy to 5 clients a week with a wide range of issues as part of the Emerging Stronger Project. The role is initially for six months, with the possibility of extending this to the end of 2021 subject to funding.

The Emerging Stronger project is a piece of work specifically to respond to the urgent need for increased availability and access to counselling as a result of the Covid crisis, particularly for the financially disadvantaged. The project aims to provide 6 sessions of counselling/therapy to 166 clients on low incomes in 2021. This will more than double the number of sessions that Network provides to clients on very low incomes.

In the role you will deliver an average of 5 sessions a week; a total of 100 sessions.

Key responsibilities

The role will involve:

- Providing one-to-one counselling/therapy sessions on a six-session basis with clients experiencing a wide range of issues.
- Undertaking assessments of clients entering Network's counselling service.
- Maintaining client and session records in accordance with BACP recommended practice, Network policy and GDPR.
- Working alongside the Counselling team to contribute to clinical decision-making including handling safeguarding issues.

General responsibilities

- Work within and uphold Network's ethos and values statement. Work with awareness of the importance many clients place on spiritual life.
- Attend professional supervision in compliance with the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy's (BACP) minimum requirement and in accordance with Network's policy
- Actively and constructively participate in your own development, line management and team meetings, including formal Continuing Professional Development.
- Work with an awareness of and in compliance with Network's policies and procedures and appropriate legislation, for example data protection and health and safety requirements.
- Support the wider goals and aims of Network Counselling.

Person specification

Essential	Desirable
Qualified at Level 5 Diploma in Counselling or above	
Membership of a professional organisation – eg BACP, UKCP, NCS.	
BACP Accredited or equivalent.	
A minimum of 500 hours' one to one counselling/therapy experience.	
Experience of providing time-limited counselling.	Experience of working within an organisational setting as a qualified practitioner.
Awareness of legal and ethical issues surrounding counselling service provision.	
Experience of working with a broad client group and range of presenting issues, including complex mental health problems.	Experience of working in a way that incorporates spiritual aspects.
Awareness of data protection regulations.	
A commitment to and passion for enabling access to counselling/therapy for people on low incomes.	Experience of working within the voluntary sector.
A commitment to inclusive practice.	
Being comfortable working in an environment in which the language of spirituality and/or religion is sometimes forefront.	To be on own spiritual exploration and journey.
Sound organisational and IT skills.	
Able to work as part of a small team.	