**Occupational Therapist OT (Special Interest - Mental Health) Band 6/7**

**Torquay Primary Care Network**

**Job Description/Person Specification**

**Job overview**

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a service which aims to increase Mental Health capacity and expertise within Torquay Primary Care Network (PCN). As an OT with a special interest in Mental Health, you will play a key role in developing and shaping this new approach to providing Mental Health Care.

The successful candidate will be flexible and responsive to the needs of the service and be able to work as part of the wider PCN team across Torbay, having responsibility for the provision of assessments, interventions and education.

You will need to be a dynamic clinician with good interpersonal skills to enable engagement of service users.

You will be expected to collaborate with other health care professionals including GPs, Practice Nurses, Secondary Care practitioners and third party organisations.

**The main duties of the job will be to:**

* Support PCN staff in the management of Mental Health conditions and support the effective navigation of patients through the various mental health services systems and services.
* Ensure the local voluntary sector, health and social care provision are used effectively
* Provide assessment, sign-posting and brief therapeutic treatment groups for patients within the imposed time constraints on Primary Care consultations.
* Support recovery by enabling movement from secondary to primary care.

Person Specification

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** | * A degree or equivalent in Mental Health Nursing or Occupational Therapy
* OT (current HCPC) Registration
* Membership of relevant professional body and special interest group(s)
 | * Further training relevant to the role (post-graduate or MSc equivalent)
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| **Experience** | * Minimum 4 years’ experience in Mental Health post-registration for Band 7 applicants or 2 years for Band 6 applicants
 | * Experience of collaborative working with other organisations
* Experience of leading/running treatment groups
* Supervising junior staff
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| **Personal attributes** | * Highly motivated and committed to providing a high-quality service.
* Flexible in approach to adapt to the changing needs of the service.
* Positive and caring attitude.
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**Disclosure and Barring Service Check**

This post is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exceptions Order) 1975 and as such it will be necessary for a submission for Disclosure to be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly known as CRB) to check for any previous criminal convictions.