**Leicestershire Partnership – NHS Trust**

**Adult MH – Planned Care Community Services**

**Homeless Mental Health Service (HMHS)**

**(Based at OSL House / Agile working)**

**Band 6 - Outreach Mental Health Practitioner**

**1 x Full Time – 37.5 Hrs per week**

The Homeless Mental Health Service is a Nationally recognised & specialist multi-disciplinary outreach service for people who are aged over 16 and either ‘street homeless’, staying in temporary accommodation, ‘sofa surfing’ or within 3 months of a new tenancy commencement from homelessness. The service currently offers Assertive Outreach & engagement / mental health assessment, support & access to mainstream treatment services in Leicester City, for those that require it. We also offer short term support, psychiatric & psychological treatment & direction to other support services in primary care & within the voluntary sector. As part of this, the service also involves assertively engaging some people rough sleeping, others fleeing domestic violence, also supporting some people to access substance use treatment services.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a compassionate, enthusiastic, motivated, hardworking Mental Health Practitioner to join this award-winning service based at OSL House.

An RMN or Registered Nurse (Part 13) qualification or relevant Allied Mental Health professional OT / SW qualifications and post registration experience at band 5 (or equivalent) are essential. Relevant post basic education/training, knowledge / awareness of homelessness, domestic violence & substance use issues and previous community experience are desirable.

The service has just been granted approval to expand in a phased approach across the wider county districts of Leicestershire & Rutland. Commencing this year with Charnwood district & street outreach to people rough sleeping across the whole county of Leicestershire and Rutland.

The current MHP team includes nurses & social workers with a Mental Health (MH) background and also a mental health Occupational Therapist (OT). As the team expands across the wider county we are seeking to develop a team with a broad range of skills and professional backgrounds & hence would encourage applications from all – MH & LD nurses, MH OT’s and MH Social Workers (although would be employed as part of NHS – MH services not Social care)

The wider multi-disciplinary Homeless Mental Health Service, also includes one Support Time & Recovery (STR) worker, two clinical Psychologists, sessional input from a Consultant Psychiatrist, Team secretary & Medical secretary, as well as hosting medical & psychology & nursing trainees on placement / rotation. There is also funding to expand on these existing posts to bolster the team as it expands to accommodate this new development initiative (advertised alongside).

The team is an active partner within the wider multi-agency statutory & voluntary sector homeless services within Leicester City, and as such the successful applicant would be expected to help facilitate theses existing partnerships, as well as assisting to develop the service and similar partnerships across the wider counties of Leicestershire & Rutland.

Going forward - as the service expands and develops across the wider county of Leicestershire & Rutland – the work will involve some working in County districts (shared amongst the whole team) which will be developed around existing staff locations (to reduce travel time & costs).

Candidates will need to demonstrate an ability to provide care for people presenting with mental health difficulties within a variety of settings including day centres, hostels / temporary accommodation and general public settings (street outreach). Excellent assessment, risk management, organisational and communication skills are essential along with a good working knowledge of community care & Hospital admission / discharge process. The ability to use your initiative, work autonomously and manage your time effectively is required along with the ability to work as part of a team and wider multi-agency homeless services.

It is an essential requirement for the role to involve some ‘street outreach’ to people rough sleeping, enhancing the wider local authorities housing street outreach teams. During these sessions, this would involve significant walking, working in inclement weather, often in some potentially challenging environments (parks, woods, fields etc). Although largely within regular hours (Mon-fri 8:30-16:30). It may also involve some out of hours working (6am start) when required and applicants must be prepared to undertake required duties as part of the HMHS & wider local authority teams (enhancements will be paid for any unsocial hours).

Due to this unique role, applicants can contact the team senior MH practitioner to discuss the street outreach element of the role. We encourage applicants to make contact to understand the requirements and specific unique working environments. Shadowing current MHP’s is possible with prior arrangement.

Although the administrative base is OSL House, the team operate under agile working conditions – operating from various locations (hot desking) and some home working (around service needs). The core working pattern for the post will be Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm, although occasionally work may dictate out of hours working (Street Outreach etc, for which enhancements will be paid). A salary sacrifice car scheme is currently in operation (if desired) and although the role may require some public transport use (within city centre), applicants must be car drivers/owners (or have a suitable alternative) in order to fulfil the wider flexible outreach role.

Join us in this exciting new opportunity and we will ensure that you are supported to grow personally and professionally, with excellent learning and development initiatives at every stage of your career.

For further information & to discuss further – contact Phil Johnson - Senior Practitioner or Louise McDade, Team Manager on 0116 295 8442.