



## Derbyshire Mind Advocacy Vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our highly regarded specialist advocacy team.

Advocates work with a wide range of service users to ensure that an individual's unique views, wishes and preferences are expressed clearly and are central to care planning and decision making. An advocate will help service users to speak up and act for themselves and will facilitate supported decision making. This can include listening/providing information and representing someone's views by speaking on their behalf.

If you have a background or qualification in independent advocacy that is ideal, but it is not essential and we will provide you with all the training and support you need to learn on the job.

If you have a strong commitment to empowering and upholding the rights of people with a wide range of conditions, you are a people person with the ability to engage with a varied client group and you can write high quality reports and documents, you will do well in advocacy!

Derbyshire Mind is a local mental health charity focused on improving mental health and wellbeing for people across Derbyshire. We are one of a federated network of local Mind charities across the country. We provide a range of advocacy and community wellbeing services designed to support people with mental health problems as well as the wider population. We are committed to developing innovative and responsive services which further promote mental health awareness and wellbeing.

We currently have the following vacancy:-

### Independent Specialist Advocate

Hours: 37 hours per week. The post requires flexible working.

Salary: £25,367 – £26,317 per annum. Starting salary £25,367 per annum.

The role involves a combination of office based working at Chesterfield or Derby, working from home and with travel throughout Derbyshire and out of area when required. Due to the Coronavirus situation, Derbyshire Mind currently has restrictions in place on office based working.

Derbyshire Mind will support you to gain a qualification in independent advocacy.

This role carries a busy caseload providing one-to-one advocacy support to a range of clients in a variety of settings including care homes and hospitals throughout Derbyshire.

Independent Specialist Advocates carry out the Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA) and Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) roles. These are statutory roles defined in the Mental Health Act, the Mental Capacity Act and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, therefore an understanding of this legislation is desirable, but if you have a strong work ethic and willingness to learn, you can gain this knowledge in the role.

Application packs are available for download from:-

[www.derbyshiremind.org.uk](http://www.derbyshiremind.org.uk)

Alternatively, please email [recruitment@derbyshiremind.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@derbyshiremind.org.uk)

All candidates must submit the application form (no CV's accepted).

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 30 June 2021.

Interviews will be held either face to face or by video call on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 July 2021. This will be confirmed in the interview invite.

*These posts are subject to a criminal records check with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Derbyshire Mind aims to be an Equal Opportunities Employer.*