



Derbyshire Mind Advocacy Vacancy

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed individuals 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 and providing information and representing someone's views by speaking on their behalf.

If you have a background or qualification in independent advocacy that's ideal, but it's 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:-

Paid Representative - Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS)

This role will be for a minimum period of 6 months and a maximum period of up to 12 months' maternity cover contract. The length of the contract will be confirmed at interview.

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

Salary: £24,382 – £24,799 per annum. Starting salary £24,382 per annum.

The role involves a combination of office based working at Kingsway Hospital 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.

As a Paid Representative you will be working with a variety of vulnerable people, some with multiple and complex needs. You will provide representation and support to people who are subject to the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) and who do not have a family member or friend that can undertake this role.

The role involves visiting clients on a regular basis in care homes and hospitals to support them to understand and exercise their rights in relation to the authorised DOLS.

This includes supporting people to request a review of the authorisation, access complaints procedures and/or appeal to the Court of Protection.

Application packs are available for download from:-

www.derbyshiremind.org.uk

Alternatively, please email recruitment@derbyshiremind.org.uk

All candidates must submit the application form (no CVs 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.