**Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services**

**Supporting all survivors of domestic abuse in Northumberland**

**Person Specification**

**Domestic Abuse Practitioner**

|  | Essential✓ | Desirable✓ |
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| **SKILLS AND ABILITIES** |  |  |
| Good communication skills both verbal and written | ✓ |  |
| Flexible, agile approach to working | ✓ |  |
| To work in an anti-discriminatory, non-judgmental manner | ✓ |  |
| Sound decision making skills | ✓ |  |
| Evaluate work and produce written reports when necessary |  | ✓ |
| Effectively manage stressful situations | ✓ |  |
| Excellent organisational skills and workload management | ✓ |  |
| Ability to communicate sensitive messages in a safe and appropriate manner | ✓ |  |
| To work in partnership with a range of other professionals | ✓ |  |
| To work both independently and as part of a team | ✓ |  |
| To be self-motivated, working alone across Northumberland | ✓ |  |
| **EXPERIENCE** |  |  |
| Experience working with vulnerable adults in a formal setting for a minimum of 2 years | ✓ |  |
| Liaising and working with outside agencies |  | ✓ |
| Planning and delivering specific pieces of work | ✓ |  |
| **TRAINING & EXPERIENCE** |  |  |
| Educated to degree level or equivalent | ✓ |  |
| Knowledge of domestic abuse and the effects on individuals and families. | ✓ |  |
| Evidence of sound rational and problem solving | ✓ |  |
| Communicating and working with vulnerable people | ✓ |  |
| **KNOWLEDGE** |  |  |
| An understanding of the criminal justice system as it relates to the victims of domestic abuse. |  | ✓ |
| Knowledge around domestic abuse and understanding of the effect on individuals and families. | ✓ |  |
| Understanding of Safeguarding for Adults and Children | ✓ |  |
| An understanding of MARAC (multi agency risk assessment conferences |  | ✓ |
| **PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS** |  |  |
| Current, clean driving license and a vehicle available for work at all times | ✓ |  |
| Commitment to adhere to and uphold the policies and procedures of Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services | ✓ |  |
| Good time management | ✓ |  |
| Contribute to continuous self-improvement | ✓ |  |
| A good team player and a willingness to support others | ✓ |  |
| Empathic approach to those supported | ✓ |  |
| A good, solid work ethic and the ability to adapt to change | ✓ |  |
| Legally entitled to work in the UK | ✓ |  |