

Role profile

Shared care worker

Aim of post

- To work closely with and support General Practitioners in substitute prescribing by clear and regular communication.
- To support service users in maximising the benefits of substitute prescribing through accurate assessments, regular key working, care planning and on ward referral.
- To ensure a safe and effective service by developing a relationship with the service user and by regular screening.

Management of the post

This post will be managed by the manager of the shared care team and is part of an established team.

Back ground and main duties

The day to day to work is largely based in a limited number of surgeries. Shared care workers are responsible for carrying out a comprehensive assessment and risk screening including parental risk screens, screening for current drug use, agreeing with service user and GP a care plan and working with the service user to achieve their goals through regular key-working. Shared care staff are also responsible for accurately recording all their work and making it promptly available so as we can meet our commitments for local and national monitoring purposes.

All staff, full or part time need to attend weekly team meeting, monthly area meetings and regular supervision.

Core skills

The core skills are set out in the attached generic substance misuse job description. The following skills are particularly important within the context of this post and should be addressed in the application for this post across-

- Ability to establish and maintain good relationships with the GP's and other health practitioners, staff in the Specialist Drug and Alcohol Services and a wide range of other health professionals.

- A clear understanding of the role of substitute prescribing and a working knowledge of the “Drug Misuse and dependence; UK guidelines on clinical management”.
- The ability to manage a case load and maintain accurate records.
- The ability to carry out comprehensive assessments, draw up care plans and to support service users in achieving goals identified in the care plan and to make referrals to internal and external services.
- A commitment to providing a safe and accessible service through regular drug screening and by attending regular supervision and team/clinical meetings.