

# Community Counselling

## Sessional Practitioner

### PERSON SPECIFICATION

#### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- To have successfully completed a Diploma, Foundation Degree or equivalent counselling or therapy course, or to have acquired a minimum of 100 supervised client hours and be attending a relevant training course.
- To have knowledge and understanding of the Ethical Framework for the Counselling Professions or the code of practice of a relevant professional organisation such as the UKCP
- To be able to manage own workload
- To be able to work as part of a team
- To have a good understanding/commitment to Equal Opportunities issues
- To be able to communicate effectively verbally and in writing
- To demonstrate good interpersonal skills
- To be committed to ongoing professional and personal development, including undergoing external supervision
- To demonstrate evidence of personal development and self-reflection e.g. through counselling or personal development group work
- To be proficient in standard IT applications such as Word and Excel
- To have an up-to-date Enhanced DBS check and a Police Vetting Level 2 check. Practitioners are responsible for the cost of obtaining a DBS check. There is no fee for the police vetting check, which will be initiated when offered the role.

#### DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE

- Providing counselling or therapy within an organisational setting
- Providing counselling or therapy on a short-term basis
- Working (paid or unpaid) in the voluntary sector
- Working with children and young people, including experience of, or involvement in, child protection issues
- Working within an outcomes based monitoring environment and evaluating own practice
- To be able to travel independently around North Yorkshire without reliance on public transport. Suitable alternatives may be agreed prior to appointment.