

Women’s Sexual Violence Support & Trauma Worker – Early Intervention

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in applying for a post with Women’s Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre. Please find enclosed the following documents:-

* Advice on completing your application form
* Information about WRASAC
* Job Description and Person Specification

**Please do not send a curriculum vitae as this will not be considered.**

Please note, all applications and relevant recruitment documents will be held confidentially and destroyed after 6 months, apart from documents relating to the successful applicant.

Your completed application should be submitted via email by sending it to recruitment@wrasac.org.uk.

**Closing Date is Monday 17th December, 12pm**.

**Interviews will be held on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th of January 2019**.

Please note this post is **30 Hours per Week.**

We would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete this equal opportunities survey: [Click Here](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SupportWorkerPost2018/)

We look forward to receiving your completed application form.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Ormeno

Team Leader - Women’s Support Service

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# About our service

The Women’s Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre – Dundee and Angus (WRASAC) has been supporting survivors of rape, sexual abuse and exploitation and raising awareness about the damaging effects of sexual violence since 1984. We are a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee.

WRASAC has a dynamic team of 15 staff members, 12 volunteers and an annual income of now just over £500,000 per year.

We provide a range of services to survivors of sexual violence, abuse and exploitation including:

**Women’s Support Service**

Provides trauma informed support to survivors in a one to one and group setting. We offer emotional and practical support on a one to one basis, by telephone, letter, email, or group work.

Women are empowered to speak about their abuse in a safe, confidential environment. We provide structured support groups, a creative group, and telephone and crisis support. We also offer a complimentary therapy service to women engaging in the service.

Additionally, we have an Outreach Support Service that operates in Rural Angus.

WRASAC also works in a variety of ways to improve service provision to all survivors regardless of where they may present for support. We participate in many partnerships across Dundee and Angus, Scotland and even across Europe.

Most importantly, though, we are in the business of working within our communities to change attitudes so we can, in the longer term, prevent and reduce sexual violence from happening in the first place.

**Advocacy**

Works with survivors who are thinking about or are engaging with the Criminal Justice System. This includes support to report to the police, with court appearances, accessing the Sexual Assault and Referral Network (forensic examination for those not wishing to report in immediate aftermath of a sexual assault) and supports them with any civil protective orders.

**Dundee and Angus Young Survivors (DAYS)**

This service offers confidential and professional, emotional and practical support to all young survivors - of all gender identities - aged from 11 to 18; who have experienced sexual violence at any time; and who live in Dundee or Angus.

**Vice Versa**

Offers support and advocacy to women involved in prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation.

**Prevention Work**

We have a dedicated Prevention Worker who works in schools, colleges and youth settings in Dundee and Angus delivering the Rape Crisis Scotland Prevention Pack.

**Training and Awareness Raising**

We provide a monthly Information Session to staff from Dundee and Angus. We also provide training on a range of topics including, dealing with disclosures, understanding sexual violence and dealing with trauma. Additionally we run community awareness raising events, like our Reclaim the Night march each year.

# Vision, Values and Strategic Priorities

In 2017-18, after a long period of reviewing and consulting with staff, volunteers, trustees, survivors and partner agencies we developed our new Strategic Plan and updated our Vision, Mission Statement and Values.

# Our Vision

For a world free from sexual violence, abuse and exploitation and a society in which everyone has equality, freedom and choices to live the lives they want and thrive.

# Our Mission

To support survivors who have experienced any form of sexual violence, abuse or exploitation in their lives.

To promote equality and raise public awareness of the routes of sexual violence and its damaging and life-changing effects.

# Our Values

We believe first and foremost that perpetrators of rape, sexual abuse and exploitation are responsible for their actions – not survivors.

We are a feminist organisation which means we recognise that all forms of rape, sexual abuse and exploitation are acts of violence, that disproportionately affects women and children, involving the abuse of power and control, are a breach of human rights and are fundamentally rooted in gender inequality.

# Our Strategic Priorities

# ADVICE ON COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

As part of WRASAC’s commitment to equal opportunities, candidates for each post are treated equally. Application forms are the only basis on which the first selection is made to decide whom to call for interview. Therefore only information, which appears on the form (and continuation pages), can be considered. It is **very** important that your completed form contains both the information we want about your skills and experience and the information you want to give us. These advice notes are intended to help you to complete your form effectively.

1 Read all the information provided especially the job description and person specification. These outline the duties you would be expected to carry out in this post and lists the skills, knowledge and abilities that the short listing/interview panel will be looking for.

2 Section 4 asks you to note down your general experience and is the most important part of your application. **This is your chance to explain why you are suitable for the job.** It is not enough to say you have the experience – you must demonstrate experience and skills with specific examples. Relevant experience may be from your current or previous jobs or from out with formal employment.

3 We have lots of information about our service on our website [www.wrasac.org.uk](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cirina.pelc%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CCMA6KX9M%5Cwww.wrasac.org.uk).

4 **Do not send your CV in addition to or in place of a completed application form as it will not be considered by the short-listing panel.**

5 A Protection of Vulnerable Groups and Non Police Personnel Vetting is required as part of the job.

6 Completing the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form is voluntary but the information requested here is useful as it allows us to monitor the effectiveness of our policy of equal opportunities in employment.

7 All applicants must complete all parts of the application form.

8 Application forms must arrive on time forms arriving late will not be considered.

9 References are normally taken up for the short listed applicants before interview. If you do not wish one or all references to be taken up at that point please indicate on the relevant page. It is our policy not to make a job offer without taking up references.

Job Description & Person Specification

**Job Title**: **Women’s Sexual Violence Support & Trauma Worker – Early Intervention**

**JOB PURPOSE:** To be the initial point of access into the WRASAC Women’s Support Service and provide holistic support to a small caseload of survivors of rape, sexual abuse and exploitation.

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Team Leader **-** Women’s Support Service

**Salary:** £25,377 – £28,887 (pro-rata)

**Hours:** 30 hours per week

**Location:** Dundee & Angus

**Holidays:** 30 Days plus 5 Public Holidays (rising to 33 Days after 5 years’ service) pro rata

**Pension:** Employer contribution at 6% to CIS pension fund.

**MAIN DUTIES**

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| 1. Processing of all referrals into WRASAC Women’s Support Service, including management of our waiting lists and undertaking initial assessments.
2. Provide trauma informed crisis / responsive support to survivors.
3. Support survivors with the effects of trauma associated with sexual violence and abuse.
4. Provide trauma informed support and advocacy to survivors via one to one, group, helpline, email and letter, including carrying a caseload.
5. Conduct Introductory Meetings with survivors when required.
6. Assist WRASAC in production of quality monitoring and evaluation.
7. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff from other agencies to ensure holistic needs of survivors are met.
8. Represent WRASAC on relevant bodies.
9. Develop materials and resources for service users and agencies.
10. Provide support and guidance to WRASAC volunteers and placement

Students and/or mentoring to WRASAC workers undertaking qualifications.1. Assist in awareness raising of issues around rape sexual abuse and exploitation through training, promotional events, talks etc.
2. Ensure high quality record of work with survivors on our online Case Management System – OASIS.
3. Model a resilient approach to working in the service demonstrating the importance of self-care and boundary setting.
4. Use appropriate workload management techniques.

**GENERAL TASKS**1. Liaise with WRASAC Manager and Board of Governors as required.
2. Attend internal and external meetings, trainings, conferences and seminars where appropriate.
3. To work in a way that reflects the culture and values of WRASAC where quality, support, equality, respect and collaboration are recognised as valued and important.
4. Assist with development of WRASAC policies and procedures.
5. Prepare relevant reports and papers as required.
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**OTHER DUTIES**This job description is a broad picture of the post at the date of preparation. It is not an exhaustive list of all possible duties and it is recognised that jobs change and evolve over time. Consequently, this is not a contractual document and the post holder will be required to carry out any other duties to the equivalent level that are necessary to fulfil the purpose of the job.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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|  | ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS | DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS | METHOD OF ASSESSMENT |
| **Professional / Educational Qualifications** | COSCA Certificate in Counselling Skills or a willingness to work towards it. | Diploma in Counselling | CertificatesApplication |
| **Relevant work / other experience** | Significant experience in providing trauma based models of support to survivors using counselling skills (at least one year).Experience of working with women with mental health issues or complex support needs.Experience of group-work. Experience of writing reports.Experience of networking and liaising with agencies and other groups.Experience of developing, delivering and evaluating training. |   | ApplicationInterviewReferences |
| **Skills & Knowledge** | Clearly articulates an understanding and commitment to a feminist analysis of gender based violence.Knowledge of the impact of rape and sexual abuse on survivors.Understanding the range of methods and tools to support women.Good planning, organisational and prioritisation skills.Excellent inter-personal and communication skills | Knowledge and understanding of issues for voluntary sector. | ApplicationInterviewReferences |
| **Personal Qualities** | A commitment to the values and work of WRASAC.Demonstrates a resilient approach to the workplace and has clear strategies for managing self.Evidence of a ‘can-do’ attitude, with the ability and willingness to problem solve, involving others when necessary.High level of personal commitment to promoting equality and diversity. |  | ApplicationInterviewReferences |
| **Additional Job Requirements** | Member of PVG Scheme or willingness to become a member of the PVG Scheme with satisfactory scheme record and/or scheme record update.Must be able to work flexibly (including evenings and weekends) to meet the needs of WRASAC. | Full Drivers licence and access to a car.  | ApplicationInterview |