**Huntington’s Disease Specialist (Greater Glasgow & Clyde)**

**Job title:** Huntington’s Disease Specialist (HDS)

**Location:** Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC)

**Salary:** £32,880 - £36,375

**Duration:** Permanent

**Reporting to**: Senior HD Specialist – Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC)

**Accountable to:** Deputy CEO & Head of Services & Scottish Huntington’s Association Board

**Purpose of role:**

As a member of the Scottish Huntington’s Association multidisciplinary team, you will facilitate quality care for individuals and families impacted by Huntington’s disease. This is achieved through assessment, planning, coordination, implementation and signposting to appropriate agencies/professionals. As such, you will be expected to manage a complex caseload.

You will also work with the Senior HD Specialist for GGC and the Team Leader to develop and enhance the service.

We offer hybrid working and you will be based between your home and SHA’s National Office in Business First, Burnbrae Road, Linwood, Paisley. Operational areas include direct provision of services to families, promotion of self-help amongst families, and helping to raise awareness about Huntington’s disease.

You **must** be a full member of a professional body relevant to qualification and able to work within the scope of registration guidelines.

**Key duties and responsibilities**

To families and professionals:

* Deliver support to individuals and families affected by Huntington’s disease using a psychosocial approach.
* Facilitate and support regular peer support opportunities for individuals and their family members. These include carers groups and symptomatic support groups.

* Provide advice on positive management of Huntington’s disease to individuals, families and relevant health and social care professionals and agencies.
* Liaise with other professionals to help individuals to obtain the services to which they are entitled e.g. advocacy, respite, welfare rights, community and health services.

In education/training:

* Facilitate training at a local level and participate in regular national training events.
* Promote awareness of the needs and challenges facing individuals with Huntington’s disease, their families and care providers through the provision of education and information.
* Participate in the production of educational literature about Huntington’s disease.
* Maintain professional awareness of current trends and practices through appropriate training courses, study days and workshops.

For research and development:

* Initiate and/or participate in research projects related to Huntington’s disease.
* Support individuals who are participating in current drug trials or new treatments.
* Become involved in the strategic planning and development of appropriate health and social services.
* Assist with new developments relevant to the specialist service function.
* Undertake surveys and audits of own work and that of the specialist service as required.

Policy/service development:

* Adhere to all company policies appropriate to role.
* May at times be required to be responsible for policy development and propose changes in practice.
* Contribute to the development of communication protocols.

Management and leadership:

* Assist with management and development of the project alongside the Senior HD Specialist and Team Leader.
* Demonstrate leadership and contribute views to staff meetings and projects.
* Organise. manage and plan own caseload and diary.
* Be accountable for own professional actions and able to work autonomously.
* Take responsibility for the production of reports concerning your work and, at times, activities of the service.

Administration:

* Ensure the maintenance of full and accurate confidential client records and notes concerning the work of the service within your area.

Notes:

1. This job description reflects the main tasks and responsibilities to be fulfilled by the post holder at this present time. However, Scottish Huntington’s Association reserves the right to alter or amend the content of this job description to reflect changes to the role or services provided, while maintaining the overall character and level of responsibility for the post.

2. Notwithstanding any information or statement described within this job description, all duties must be carried out in a way that promotes equality of opportunity, dignity and respect for all individuals, consistent with the Scottish Huntington’s Association policy on equal opportunities.

3. The successful candidate will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check. Having previous convictions will not automatically disbar you from working at Scottish Huntington’s Association (with the exception of offences against children or other vulnerable groups) and every case is considered on an individual basis.

4. The duties and responsibilities of this post must be undertaken in accordance with the policies of Scottish Huntington’s Association.

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