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**Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service- Argyll and Bute**

Two Advocacy Practice Leads each 17.5 Hours per week

£33990 to £36050 (pro rata for 17.5 hrs £16995- £18025) + £312 pa Working from Home allowance

1. Based in and covering **Cowal and Bute**
2. Based in and covering **Oban and Lorn**

Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service have been delivering advocacy services to people in West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute council areas for over 20 years. Initially focussing on those with a statutory need for Advocacy under the Mental Health Care and Treatment Act and further supporting adults with a learning disability and people in the local community, our service has grown to cover a wide range of individual need, including specialist services supporting those challenged by addiction and those recently liberated from prison.

We are seeking two new Advocacy Practice Leads (17.5 hrs/ week each) to join the Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service Team in Argyll and Bute. Covering

**1.Cowal and Bute**

**2.Oban and Lorn**

Successful candidates will be based in the relevant area of Argyll and Bute for travel and time purposes.

We have local offices in Dunoon, Campbelltown and the Lochgilphead area of Argyll and Bute, we anticipate the successful candidate will be locally based either within Cowal and Bute or Oban and Lorn.

These roles are based in Argyll and Bute for which a working from home allowance is paid.

Both roles are to carry an Advocacy Case load for each of the respective area and will supervise one or two Independent Advocates also in that area.

Your mission is to ensure that the vulnerable adults we serve are aware of their rights and that their voices and wishes are heard by the services they seek assistance from.

You will be responsible for supervising the independent advocates, allocation of case work, management of the waiting list and promotion of the service within the area, in conjunction with and reporting to the Operations Manager.

You will also carry a case load- This role will have a focus on being available to advocate primarily for adults experiencing difficulties with their mental health, learning or educational disability, people with a frail health condition and older people.

Alongside acting as an advocate and directly supervising and supporting local colleagues, you will also promote and raise awareness of the service across the area. You will form and develop relationships with local services, creating referral pathways between services, without compromising our independence. You will show leadership to colleagues, supporting them to connect widely with a range of services.

You will assist individuals who may be vulnerable to navigate and gain access to appropriate services.

You will be joining LAAS and our small leadership team at a time of change and development and have opportunity to contribute to this process and vision.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact either

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