Volunteer Role Description

Role: Volunteer Gardener
Service: CAMHS
Location: Junction 17
Supervisor: STR Worker Peter Whittam

Role Summary/Purpose:
To work with young people to develop the external garden areas surrounding Junction 17 Day Service in order to support skill building and enhance the outdoor space supporting health and well-being.

Main Duties & Responsibilities:

- To plan and develop a summer project of gardening activities with the young people, in agreement with the manager, to help them to develop interest and skills in ‘light’ gardening activities.

- To facilitate service users to access to a variety of gardening experiences as part of their individual recovery process.

- To motivate, encourage and support service users in all gardening activities.

- To manage and evaluate activities with a responsive and flexible approach.

- To work with the team to achieve the summer gardening project objectives.

- Volunteering hours to be negotiated between the manager of the day service and the volunteer gardener.
Requirements for the Role:
In order to fulfil the duties of this role we ask that you:

- Knowledge of mental health or a willingness to learn
- Have a basic understanding of service users recovery process or a willingness to learn
- Understand the importance of motivating and encouraging service users
- Complete all mandatory training (within 4 weeks of starting role)
- Complete local induction on ward and any training deemed necessary for your role
- Have a basic understanding of safeguarding vulnerable adults and children
- Have a basic understanding of confidentiality and information sharing
- Have a basic understanding of professional boundaries
- Have respect and compassion for others and their right to choose and to be treated with dignity
- Have good communication skills
- Be willing to work as part of a team
- Have a basic understanding of equal opportunities

Please note that we strongly recommend that you check with the Benefits Agency that your commitment to volunteering does not penalise you in any way and does not affect your benefits. This role is unpaid, however, we will refund all travel expenses for training and volunteering in line with Trust Policy.
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