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| **DHI Criminal Justice Services****Role Description – Volunteer Counsellors** |
| **Opportunity Title/Role:**  | Criminal Justice Volunteer Counselling |
| **Are you passionate about supporting people to turn their lives around and stop the revolving door?** As part of the exciting Government initiative to tackle drug-related crime and reduce drug-related deaths, DHI are excited to be recruiting for volunteer counsellors to join our new Criminal Justice team across our drug and alcohol services. Embedded within our local treatment teams, this is an exciting and rewarding role, which will provide you the opportunity to help improve lives and reduce the cycle of drug and alcohol related offending. We are looking for resilient individuals who understand the complexity and lack of opportunity faced by many offenders and who have experience of working with this client group, preferably within a drug and alcohol treatment setting.   |
| **Details of opportunity**: | This is an opportunity to support a marginalised client group to make/sustain positive changes in their substance misuse. Clients will have had significant involvement in the criminal justice system: prison leavers, those on community rehabilitation orders (DRR's and ATR's), those managed by the integrated Offender Management scheme and probation.  They are likely to have experienced trauma, homelessness etc and may have experienced/be experiencing problematic drug or alcohol use. Clients are offered six initial 50 minute sessions with the potential for extensions of up to 3 additional sessions with line manager/clinical supervisor agreement. The aim of the counselling sessions is to facilitate a process of clients making or maintaining positive change in their alcohol or drug. DHI’s counselling approach is underpinned by person-centred qualities and values and can also incorporate other appropriate theoretical models (including Motivational Interviewing, Brief Solution Focused Therapy, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Relapse Prevention). Brief attendance records should be kept in line with DHI requirements. Counsellors are expected to liaise with DHI’s clinical supervisor and line manager where appropriate to ensure safe and effective treatment for clients. Counsellors are expected to provide counselling within the BACP Ethical Framework for the Counselling Professions and adhere to relevant DHI policies and procedures (including Health & Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR, Confidentiality and Equal Opportunities). |
| **Time commitments:** | Minimum of 2 hours Zoom/phone counselling per week. 45 minutes individual Zoom/phone clinical supervision twice per month on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. |
| **How many volunteers do we need:**  | Up to 3 at any one time |
| **Age Criteria:** | 18+ with condition of qualification requirement. |
| **Qualifications required:**  | This role is available to those who have completed a counselling qualification at level 4 or above. |
| **Location:** | Working remotely |