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| **Volunteer Role Description – DRY HOUSE SUPPORT VOLUNTEER, BATH** | |
| **PLACEMENT DETAILS** | |
| If you are interested in gaining experience working in the health sector and specifically supporting people who have struggled with substance misuse and homelessness, this is an ideal opportunity to gain insight into that world. No qualifications are required and we will provide support and training. Volunteers will also have access to other training opportunities DHI offers and work alongside our “Peer Supporters”.  **Overall purpose of role:**  The primary purpose of this role is to provide pastoral support to residents of our dry houses in either of our two Bath-based locations – Burlington House and Barton Buildings.  This role is likely to be paired with a Peer Supporter.  **Key responsibilities:**   * Spending time with residents * Volunteers can work with staff to shape their own role e.g. there are also some optional tasks based on the interests/willingness of the volunteer e.g. getting rooms ready for new residents, spending time working in the garden with or without residents, supporting residents to complete forms.   Barton Buildings and Burlington House are abstinence based supported housing – The house is a strict alcohol and drug free space and residents cannot use drugs or alcohol either on or off site. Random drug and alcohol testing is used. The scheme is to support the recovery of individuals who need to live in an abstinent based environment. | |
| Time commitments: | Sundays – ideally every Sunday, but could be alternate or monthly Sundays.  Ideally 10am-6pm. |
| **VOLUNTEER PROFILE** | |
| Professional qualifications or experience REQUIRED: | None |
| Professional qualifications or experience DESIRABLE: | None |
| Soft Skills REQUIRED: | *Fit with DHI Values (Self-Direction, Stimulation, Zest for Life and Flexibility).*  *Plus: A people person who likes to interact with all sorts of people and take an interest in them. Confident in interacting with people. Able to work independently.* |
| Any other useful information: | This role is suitable for adults aged 18+ |
| **VOLUNTEER SUPPORT/BENEFITS** | |
| Selected candidates receive our standard half-day induction online that can be scheduled based on the volunteer’s availability. Volunteers will be accompanied by staff for the first few visits until they are comfortable being in the houses on their own with a Peer Supporter. A Peer supporter is someone who has lived experience of substance misuse and able to provide unique empathetic support to current clients - people who are in the midst of their recovery journey.  This is an independent role with support available 24/7 by phone | |
| **OTHER INFORMATION** | |
| Parking is available on-site, and travel and lunch expenses can be claimed each month.  Selected candidates need to undertake an enhanced DBS check. | |