

Solace Café Operations Manager

Crisis Resolution Services, Galway

Job Specification and Terms and Conditions

Please Quote 2024-017 when applying for the position.

To apply for this position please submit a cover letter setting out your reasons for applying for the position along with your Curriculum Vitae to recruitment@mentalhealthireland.ie

Job Title	Solace Café Operations Manager
Posts Available	<p>1x Full Time, on a 24 month Specified Purpose Contract, working 35hrs per week.</p> <p>The standard working week applying to the post is 35 hours per week. The Solace Café will be operating four evenings per week, Thursday – Sunday, 5:30pm to 11pm. The Solace Café Operations Manager will be expected to work a minimum of two of these four evenings per week.</p> <p>The rest of the hours within this 35 hour per week contract can be worked from the office holder’s home.</p>
Closing Date	Closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon on 9 th August 2024. Applications received outside this time will not be considered.
Proposed Interview Date(s)	Interviews will be held week commencing 19 th August 2024.
Location	Galway
Employer	Mental Health Ireland
Organizational Area	Crisis Cafés/Solace Cafés
Reporting Relationship	<p>Reporting relationship with Mental Health Ireland from an employment contract perspective.</p> <p>Working relationships with Crisis Cafés/Solace Cafés. Area Lead of Mental Health Engagement & Recovery – Line Manager.</p>
Informal Enquiries	Maria McGoldrick contact details are maria.mcgoldrick@hse.ie
Details of Service	<p>Crisis Cafés/Solace Cafés provide out-of-hours access to mental health services for adults in a café style/non-clinical safe environment through, peer support, crisis intervention and recovery-based supports and services. The café service supports individuals and their family members/carers experiencing mental health distress to draw on their strengths, resilience, and coping mechanisms to manage their mental health and wellbeing. Attendees can access coping strategies, one to one peer support, psychosocial and recovery supports provided by paid core staff, assisted by a team of appropriately trained peer connectors, working on a pro-rata basis. Those who attend will be signposted to relevant mental health and wellbeing services and community supports as required. The Solace Café Operations Manager will be able to directly refer the service user, if needed and meeting core criteria to the Crisis Resolution Team (CRT), who will provide a triage function to support an appropriate intervention or referral pathway.</p> <p>Crisis Cafés/Solace Cafés provide out-of-hours access to mental health services for adults in a café style/non-clinical safe environment through, peer support, crisis intervention and recovery-based supports and services. The café service supports individuals and their family members/carers experiencing mental</p>

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<p>Purpose of the Post</p>	<p>This is a management role for a healthcare professional. The Solace Café Operations Manager will manage all planning and operational functions of the Café, providing oversight on the day-to-day operation of the crisis café and leadership across the service. Acting as a line manager, the Operations manager will work to ensure the service is of the highest quality and will support the continued growth and development of the service.</p> <p>The Solace Café Operations Manager will lead the team, in providing peer support and practical assistance to café customers, and will facilitate and support information sharing to promote choice, self-determination and opportunities for connection with local communities. They will manage relevant linkages with other mental health services and community-based support programmes. The Solace Café Operations Manager will work alongside café customers on a one to one and / or group basis.</p>
<p>Eligibility criteria and qualifications</p>	<p>Candidates must have by the closing date for receipt of applications for this post:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Qualifications, Experience etc.,

	<p>(a) Hold a QQI Level 8 or above qualification in a relevant discipline - Mental Health Nursing, Psychology, Psychotherapy, Social Work, Social Care, Occupational Therapy, Peer Support</p> <p>And</p> <p>(b) Have a minimum experience of three years in a community, healthcare or related field</p> <p>And</p> <p>(c) Have experience of supporting people in a 1:1 or group capacity</p> <p>(d) Experience of building relationships across a variety of organisations</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>(a) Lived experience of recovery or supporting a family member in their recovery</p> <p>2. Health</p> <p>A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.</p> <p>3. Character</p> <p>Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character.</p>
<p>Principal Duties and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Key Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee the implementation of the operational plan for the Solace Café Service in collaboration with key stakeholders. • Manage the operational budget assigned to the service and report monthly on financial expenditure. • Ensure the crisis cafe and staff provide high-quality person-centred peer support to customers that embody the values of HSE Community Healthcare West and working towards the Solace Café service objectives. • Develop and encourage an operational culture of continuous performance improvement at both an individual and service level. • Build a cooperative and collaborative team that is flexible and adaptable to changing requirements. • Assign work to team members, monitor, and supervise the day-to-day delivery and quality standards of the work. • Provide professional guidance and coaching to staff on assessment of need, risk management, crisis prevention, crisis resolution and incident management and safeguarding concerns. • Provide support directly to café customers, when needed. • Monitor the team’s performance through audits, quality assurance checks and supervision/appraisal process. • Participate in training and development opportunities as agreed with line manager necessary for the role and as part of agreed personal development plan. • Oversee and ensure the development, delivery and review of customer-focused interventions including emotional support, advice and information around benefits/housing/social stressors, safety planning and appropriate signposting and onward referral. • Manage the recruitment, induction and training of staff and support staff in their continued professional development. • Work in partnership with the Café team to manage incoming referrals

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the CRT in relation to customers who may need escalation and referral to the CRT and formally refer customers in agreement with CRT for triage and assessment. • Promote and manage collaborative integrated relations across the mental health system including Crisis Resolution Team, Single Point of Access, First Response, Safeguarding, Out of Hours Service, Mental Health Liaison Teams, Adult Community Mental Health Services, and Emergency Services etc. • Manage upkeep of premises and report any maintenance problems. • Manage reporting and evaluation requirements of the service to ensure targets and quality service outcomes are met. • Fulfil all responsibilities in relation to governance and reporting on the café as set out by the local service and the operating model. • Any other duties as deemed necessary by the Director of Services, which may include administrative work, promoting the Solace Café in the local area, developing external care pathways, service improvements, etc. <p>The above Job Description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.</p>
Post Specific Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate depth and breadth of experience working with individuals with mental health needs as relevant to the role. • Demonstrate experience in the implementation of approaches in the context of mental health recovery, as relevant to the role.
Other Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to appropriate personal transport is a necessary requirement to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this post. • Ability to work a flexible way (evenings, weekends, and public holidays)
Skills, Competencies and / or Knowledge	<p><u>Candidates must:</u></p> <p><u>Professional Knowledge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrate knowledge and experience of delivering mental health support services including crisis support.</u> • Demonstrate knowledge of the HSE Mental Health Services. • Demonstrate insight and understanding of the personal recovery process and what that may involve for café customers. • Demonstrate a good understanding of the role of peer support • Demonstrate knowledge of the basic structure of the Community Mental Health Team. • Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the importance of self-care and associated techniques, from a recovery perspective. • Demonstrate knowledge and experience of delivering a variety of group activities that support and strengthen recovery. • Demonstrate knowledge of Service User Safety as well as developing a culture of safety, monitoring, and assurance. • Demonstrate some knowledge of current best practice in mental health recovery and social inclusion. • Demonstrate working knowledge of Information Technology. <p><u>Planning & Organising Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate organisational and time management skills to meet objectives within agreed timeframes and achieve quality results. • Demonstrate the ability to work to tight deadlines and operate effectively with multiple competing priorities.

	<p><u>Evaluating Information and Decision Making</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the ability to assess complex information from a variety of sources and make effective decisions. • Demonstrate effective problem solving and decision-making skills <p><u>Leadership & Teamwork</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the ability to lead a team and facilitate and manage groups. • Demonstrate the ability manage operational plans for a service. • Demonstrate teamwork skills including the ability to work in a multidisciplinary team environment (i.e., in a team with other disciplines). • Demonstrate a capacity to operate successfully in a challenging operational environment while adhering to quality standards. • Demonstrate motivation and an innovative approach to the job within a changing working environment. • Demonstrate the ability to be flexible and adapt to change. • Demonstrate ability to work as a lone worker, in a range of settings and as appropriate. <p><u>Commitment to Providing a Quality Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a commitment to manage and develop a quality service. • Demonstrate a recovery focus in the delivery of services. • Demonstrate a core belief in and passion for the sustainable delivery of high-quality recovery orientated services. • Demonstrate a commitment to recovery focused principles and practices. • Demonstrate commitment to continuing professional development. <p><u>Communication & Interpersonal Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills. • Demonstrate effective written and verbal communication skills; including the ability to present information in a clear and concise manner. • Demonstrate ability to form peer relationships with café customers and supportive relationships with family members. • Demonstrate the ability to interact in a professional manner with other Mental Health staff and other key stakeholders.
<p>Competition specific selection process</p>	<p>Short listing will be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your curriculum vitae and letter of application at the closing date.</p> <p>The criteria for short listing is based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and knowledge section of this job specification.</p> <p><u>Failure to include information regarding these requirements may result in you not being called forward to the next stage of the selection process.</u></p> <p>Those successful at the ranking stage of this process (where applied) will be placed on an order of merit and will be called to interview in ‘bands’ depending on the service needs of the organisation.</p>
<p>Benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee Assistance Programme. • Bike to Work Scheme. • Good Friday is a Privilege Day (Day off)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined Contribution Pension Scheme. • Incremental Pay Scale in place. • Company Sick Benefit.
Protection of Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998	As this post is one of those designated under the Protection of Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act, 1998, appointment to this post appoints one as a designated officer in accordance with Section 2 of the Act. You will remain a designated officer for the duration of your current post or for the duration of your appointment to such other post as is included in the categories specified in the Ministerial Direction. You will receive full information on your responsibilities under the Act on appointment.
Contract Length	24 Months Specified Purpose Contract.
Remuneration	<p>The salary for this post is analogous with HSE 2020 Salary Scale plus 8%, in line with October 2023 WRC agreement on Section 39 Pay.</p> <p>In line with HSE Grade VI, Point 2, €49,710 (plus the 8%).</p> <p>The Salary for the post will be €53,687 (inclusive 8%) pro rata.</p>
Annual leave	30 days, prorated to hours that you work.
Probation	6-month probationary period

This job description is a guide to the general range of duties assigned to the post holder. It is intended to be neither definitive nor restrictive and is subject to periodic review with the employee concerned.