



External Competition

Patient Education and Peer Support Officer Clerical Officer Grade IV

(Temporary, Part Time Post / Pilot Project SCSC Programme)

An exciting new job opportunity for a Patient Education and Peer Support Officer role is now available on the Spinal Cord System of Care (SCSC) Programme at the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH).

The postholder will collaborate with the NRH Spinal Cord System of Care (SCSC) Programme Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) team to assist in the delivery of education programmes, peer support programmes and long term follow up of patients discharged from the Programme. This post will initially be on a temporary basis as part of a pilot project for 12 months, with a view to becoming permanent at a future stage. The temporary part-time post is on a 0.5 WTE (18.5 hours per week) basis, however as part of the project it is envisioned that there will be two persons collaboratively working in the role and to serve both our male and female patients. This split post will be on a 0.25 WTE or 9.25 hours per week basis for the individual postholders.

This job opportunity is open to anyone with a spinal cord injury at any level, who has been through rehabilitation at the NRH and who is interested in patient education and peer support. The job role requires the successful candidates to be on site in NRH on a weekly basis.

Requirements:

- Have personal experience of a spinal cord injury (SCI) at any level and have attended the NRH for rehabilitation
- Good organisational and administration skills
- Excellent computer skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Both the ability to work as part of a team and the ability to work unsupervised
- Knowledge of SCI and a willingness to learn about new developments or change in practice
- Empathy with patients and staff
- The successful candidate will be required to work confidentially (with support from the interdisciplinary team) with vulnerable patients and staff.
- The successful candidate will be required to pass a Garda check
- The successful candidate will be required to be physically on site at the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) for the majority of the hours of the post.

Desirable

- Previous experience of presenting to groups
- Experience in peer facilitation
- A proven interest in patient education and peer support

Applicants for the above post should submit a letter of application and curriculum vitae not later than 12:00 noon on Friday 3rd December 2021 to Ms Claire Camon, HR Department by email to claire.camon@nrh.ie. The Job Description for the above post is available on request from Claire Camon or at www.nrh.ie/careers.

For informal enquiries please contact Mr Eugene Roe, SCSC Programme Manager by emailing Eugene.Roe@nrh.ie

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