

Mind in Bexley
Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA)
Community/Hospital/Forensic/including Young and Older
Persons
JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA) posts :
Community/Hospital/Forensic/Young and Older Persons

Grade: NJC S01, (29-31) £26,845 - £27,672 (Inc. OLW) pro rata for part time posts

Hours: 1 x Full/Time 35 hours per week
2 x Part Time 17.5 Hours per week

3 Year post subject to continuing funding.

Based at: 283 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 8DG (Mind Offices) with outreach work throughout the Borough of Bexley

Responsible to: The Advocacy Co-ordinator of Mind in Bexley

Accountable to: Director and Board of Trustees of Mind in Bexley

Job Summary:

To provide and develop Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) to residents of Bexley including young and older persons in hospital, forensic and community settings. To promote self-advocacy and empowerment and enable service users to make informed decisions and get their views heard in matters relating to their mental health. Be part of the team, to promote the integration of independent advocacy within mental health services.

Tasks:

1. To provide Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) as defined under the Mental Health Act 2007 to Bexley residents including young and older persons, in community, hospital and forensic settings
2. To attend and complete successful accredited training in order to provide Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA), as defined under the Mental Health Act 2007
3. To carry a manageable quality assured caseload of Advocacy clients
4. To provide information, support or signpost clients, so as to inform or empower individuals on any issues regarding their mental health treatment under the amended 2007 Mental Health Act.
5. To advocate for individuals within a variety of meetings relating to their care and treatment, to include ward rounds, case conferences, Care Programme Approach (CPA) meetings and mental health assessments.
6. To maintain up-to-date knowledge of mental health and community care policy, structure and legislation.

7. To work within and meet our obligations to provide independent advocacy under the Mental Health Act 2007, as well as agreed case-working standards and monitoring requirements
8. To produce monthly and quarterly reports in line with Mind in Bexley's monitoring procedures.
9. To work as a member of the team, contributing to service planning and developments. To undertake additional duties, as may reasonably be required.

General

1. *To attend and participate in relevant meetings and give reports or presentations when required.*
2. *To comply with, promote and contribute to the development of Mind in Bexley*
3. *To attend appropriate internal, external training courses, supervision and staff away days.*
4. *To work as part of a team towards ensuring effective user participation within the service.*
5. *Other than where central administrative support is available, to be administratively self-servicing.*