

Job Title	Substance Misuse Nurse Practitioner		
Team	Recovery Project	Reports to	Recovery Services Manager
Department	Operations	Location	Worthing
Direct Reportees	N If yes number:	Flexibility for home working	
Budget responsibilities	N		

Job Purpose

Turning Tides is the lead provider for the West Sussex DAAT contract for Accommodation-Based Support Services for Alcohol and Drug Recovery.

In addition to supporting individuals in early recovery within a residential setting, Turning Tides delivers a unique Managed Withdrawal from Alcohol Programme for clients who are physically dependent on alcohol and are seeking support to address their dependency.

This programme was developed in collaboration with external clinicians and professionals from Turning Tides' Recovery Project. It provides a safe and structured detoxification pathway for a vulnerable and marginalised group of individuals experiencing homelessness or insecure housing, who have historically faced barriers in accessing other services.

Turning Tides Recovery Project is a specialist residential service supporting up to 31 individuals experiencing homelessness, offering a safe and supportive environment in which they can begin their recovery from drug and/or alcohol addiction.

As a Registered Nurse, you will be a key member of the Recovery Project team, contributing to the delivery of the Managed Withdrawal from Alcohol Programme for alcohol-dependent clients within a residential setting. In your role as Nurse Practitioner, you will provide clinical support to the frontline team, including conducting health checks and assessments, monitoring withdrawal symptoms, and liaising with GP surgeries and other healthcare professionals.

Key Responsibilities

To provide expert, autonomous and specialised clinical practice within a multidisciplinary team to include:-

- Initial assessment using a range of alcohol/substance misuse tools.
- Contributing to team decisions at point of referral, assessment and move into the service.
- To participate in and provide a specialist nursing perspective to team meetings and case reviews.
- To provide guidance and support to front line staff in the monitoring of alcohol dependent clients clinical withdrawal from alcohol.

- To lead on liaising with GP surgeries and other clinicians in requesting and interpreting patient histories and health assessments in terms of assessing risks in relation to alcohol detox.
- To lead on the assessment of physical health care needs and provide relevant information to clients relating to health promotion and wellbeing.
- To maintain and update relevant knowledge and skills, and participation in ongoing development to comply with professional registration and clinical governance requirements.
- To lead on facilitation of BBV testing for clients accessing the service.
- To complete accurate record keeping and data entry in regard to specific health information.
- To be aware of personal accountability and responsibility in respect of cleanliness standards and practices are maintained in the clinical environment and that these are compliant with CQC requirements.

General

- Abide by all Turning Tides' policies and procedures and regulatory requirements at all times and in particular
 - Health and Safety
 - Adult and Child Safeguarding, Professional Boundaries
 - Confidentiality and Data Protection Act
- Ensure all service policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and well embedded within your Service.
- Play an active part in the development and implementation of organisational wide policies and procedures.
- Undertake any other reasonable duties required by the management team.

Equality and Diversity

- Promote and embed a proactive approach to equality and diversity – by example and approach.
- Undertake equalities impact assessments and reviews.

Specification

Candidates will be invited to interview based on the following criteria.

Knowledge and Experience

Criteria
Good knowledge of substance misuse, alcohol dependency and the effects of alcohol withdrawal; mental health and social exclusion.
Knowledge and understanding of professionally specific and generic assessment tools and treatment modalities.
Demonstrable experience of caring for people with substance misuse and alcohol dependency.
Post-qualification clinical employment, with experience working in a substance misuse/alcohol team in a community or residential setting.

Skills and abilities

Criteria
Ability to apply person-centred interventions to support recovery, as well as the ability to transfer such knowledge and any associated skills.
The ability to forge effective working relationships with all stakeholders and provide specialised and generic advice and guidance relating to health promotion.
Ability to prioritise a complex set of demands and in an operationally effective way and possess good computer literacy skills with effective use of systems.
Commitment to personal growth and extending own professional competence and knowledge.

Specific Job Requirements

Criteria
Registered Nurse with current registration with relevant professional body.
Maintain personal development including participation in supervision and training.
Undertake any other duties as may be required from time to time commensurate with your status and capabilities.