## Care for the Carers

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

## **Head of Services**

Qualifications	Educated to degree level, or an equivalent professional qualification	Desirable
_	in a relevant field (e.g. social work, health, education, etc.)	
Experience	• At least 2 years' experience leading staff & services at a senior level	Desirable
	At least 2 years' experience of supervision of staff	Essential
	<ul> <li>Experienced in developing and implementing strategic plans</li> </ul>	Essential
	Experience developing successful funding bids	Desirable
	<ul> <li>Experience of leading &amp; developing projects supporting individuals</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Experience delivering in partnership across statutory &amp; voluntary sectors</li> </ul>	Desirable
	<ul> <li>Able to support, inspire and give effective leadership to a diverse, high performing team</li> </ul>	Essential
	Able to communicate with carers and gain their confidence	Essential
Skills & Knowledge	<ul> <li>Ability to translate strategy into measurable targets and quality standards</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Demonstrable ability to translate strategy into impactful service delivery</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Knowledge of health and social care and of the voluntary sector's role in delivering community services, or rapidly able to acquire this</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Awareness of carer issues, legislation and government policy, or rapidly able to acquire this</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Knowledge of legislation, policy and procedures in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, and able to apply this to practice</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Ability to write clear, concise briefings and reports</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Knowledge of monitoring &amp; evaluation methodology and practice</li> </ul>	Desirable
	<ul> <li>Able to balance competing priorities &amp; develop a resilient team</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Able to develop &amp; maintain positive relationships with colleagues &amp; key individuals in external agencies</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Extensive knowledge of Microsoft Office and confidence in using IT to analyse data and produce reports</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Able to ensure a good communication flow within the team and wider organisation</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Ability to prioritise work, respond rapidly and meet deadlines</li> </ul>	Essential
Personal Qualities	<ul> <li>Creativity and imagination in developing and delivering client- centred and innovative services</li> </ul>	Essential
	Self-motivated and energetic	Essential
	<ul> <li>Open and approachable, able to bring empathy to dialogues with carers, volunteers &amp; staff</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>A clear communicator, able to adapt tone and style to a range of audiences, needs and communities</li> </ul>	Essential
	Committed to working within Care for the Carers' core values	Essential
	Committed to equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice	Essential
	High professional standards and not prepared to compromise these	Essential
	Ability to travel throughout East Sussex	Essential