## **Care for the Carers**

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

## Carer Support Worker

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Qualifications	A relevant professional qualification	Desirable
Experience	<ul> <li>Experience of providing advice and support to unpaid carers or other vulnerable or marginalised clients</li> </ul>	Desirable
	Experience of delivering group support and/or training	Desirable
	<ul> <li>Experience of advocating on behalf of carers or other vulnerable clients</li> </ul>	Desirable
	<ul> <li>Experience of working in the voluntary sector, and/or Health and Social Care</li> </ul>	Desirable
Skills &		
knowledge	<ul> <li>Knowledge of the Hastings area including local services</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Able to carry out an assessment of carers' needs</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Able to help carers develop their own support networks and make decisions about the support they need</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Able to gain and maintain carers' confidence whilst working within professional boundaries and confidentiality policies</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Understand carers' needs and rights, legislation and policies affecting carers, and the services available to carers locally</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Able to represent Care for the Carers in the community and in multi-agency meetings</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Able to develop robust partnerships with colleagues in health, social care and voluntary sectors</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>IT literate, able to confidently use databases, Microsoft Outlook, Excel, Word and PowerPoint</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Understand safeguarding issues and responsibilities in relation to children, young people and vulnerable adults</li> </ul>	Essential
	<ul> <li>Able to maintain appropriate monitoring information and produce reports</li> </ul>	Desirable
Personal qualities	<ul> <li>Possess sensitivity and understanding and able to apply this when dealing with carers whilst acting within the boundaries of the role</li> </ul>	Essential
	Commitment to the vision and mission of Care for the Carers and to the social inclusion of seldom heard or hidden carers through a variety of approaches	Essential
	Possess good judgment and discretion at all times	Essential
	Have a belief in the empowerment of carers	Essential
	Be self motivated and energetic	Essential
	Hold a full UK driving license and access to a car for work travel across East Sussex	Essential