

Position Description

Bushfire Support Clinician

Purpose of position

This role involves working collaboratively with bushfire affected young person and their family/carers to identify their support needs, goals and develop collaborative care plans. The incumbent will provide high quality psycho-social assessment and evidence-based, focused psychological interventions to young people aged 12 to 25 referred to **headspace** Nowra. This position requires working closely with the other members of the **headspace** Nowra team and external service providers and works to maximise care outcomes for young people referred to **headspace** Nowra.

Decision Making

The Bushfire Support Clinician reports to Service Manager **headspace** Nowra and:

- Consults with the Manager in undertaking responsibilities and makes recommendations to achieve the goals and plans of the organisation.
- Identifies areas for improvement in relation to their role, the team and at an organisational level and collates information to develop appropriate responses, including the implementation of solutions through delegation.
- Makes recommendations to the Manager regarding decisions outside delegated authority.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide supportive counselling, care coordination, and focused psychological strategies (e.g CBT, psycho-education, relaxation strategies, skills training, interpersonal therapy) to bushfire affected young people aged 12 to 25 years.
- Work collaboratively with the young person and their supports e.g. school and family to help achieve their goals.
- Maintain accurate case notes for clients using an electronic clinical record and according to **headspace** Nowra protocols and professional standards.
- Participate in case review meetings, contribute to care plans and participate in planned case conferences with GPs and other health professionals involved in the client's care as required.
- Provide outreach services to young people in the lower Shoalhaven region as directed by the Service Manager.
- Provide written reports to the client's referring GP (where appropriate) with information regarding assessments undertaken, treatment provided, and recommendations on future management of the client's disorder, according to **headspace** Nowra
- Participate in group supervision sessions and individual supervision sessions as agreed.
- Working with the broader headspace Nowra team to meet the overall aims and objectives of the service
- Participate in **headspace** education and training activities as requested by the Manager.
- Contribute to developing a culturally safe workplace for Aboriginal employees and clients
- Participate in organisation-wide, site based and team meetings, collaborative planning activities and other meetings or activities relevant to position
- Contribute to the continuous improvement of systems and processes ensuring services meet professional and industry standards
- Work Health and Safety responsibilities as identified in organisational policies and procedures
- Equity and diversity responsibilities as identified in organisational policies and procedures

Scope of Practice

Consistent with the incumbent's registration and qualifications within the context of the duties outlined under Key Responsibilities.

Selection Criteria

The essential experience, knowledge, skills, competencies and qualifications a person requires in order to successfully fulfil the responsibilities of the position are:

1. Provisional or Full AHPRA registration as a clinical psychologist, registered psychologist. Occupational therapist with full AHPRA registration (accredited with OTA as meeting the Australian Competency Standards for occupational therapists in mental health or working towards same), or Social worker accreditation with the AASW as a mental health social worker (or working towards same).
2. Experience in assessment and diagnosis of mental health disorders, and provision of counselling and evidence-based focused psychological strategies
3. Demonstrated understanding of key issues in relation to the health and wellbeing needs of young people who have been exposed to trauma and natural disasters.
4. Demonstrated ability to engage and communicate effectively with young people and their family, friends or carers.
5. High standard of computer literacy and data entry competency including MS office and demonstrated capacity learn new technologies including clinical software packages.
6. Current drivers licence and have access to a comprehensively insured motor vehicle
7. Willingness to provide services outside of the headspace office for example from a school or external service office.

Child Protection

This position is designated as child-related employment. Child-related employment means any employment, where at least one of the responsibilities of the position involves direct contact with children where that contact is not directly supervised. The *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012* and the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Regulation 2013* makes it an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence (a Prohibited Person) or a Registrable Person under the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000*, to apply for, undertake or remain in child-related employment. To apply for, undertake and remain in this position you are required to hold a current working with children check. For more information go to:

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au>.

RAP Statement

Our vision for Reconciliation is to improve the health status of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population by improving access and equity to all health services – shared vision, shared journey – same opportunities, same life expectancy.

Additional Information

Conditions of employment: National Employment Standards
Employment Contract
National Criminal Record Check
GPH policies and procedures