

## Patient & Family Support Counsellor – Equiv. AFC Band 5

An opportunity has arisen at ACCORD to appoint a Counsellor to work within our ever developing Patient & Family Support Service. Initially the position will be a year's fixed-term contract to cover maternity leave. There is a potential opportunity of a more permanent position pending the outcome of the upcoming review of a new Bereavement Service, which the hospice is taking the lead on.

The role undertakes 30 hours per week over 4 days which needs flexibility, to meet the needs of the service. The position is graded at the equivalent salary to 'agenda for change' pay scale band 5.

Two part-time posts maybe considered.

We are looking for a counsellor who is already actively working and has at least 4 years' experience. The ability to maintain a busy case load and work under your own initiative is a requirement of the role. A Post-Graduate qualification in counselling is essential, with a level of IT skills a pre-requisite of this role.

It would be desirable if the applicant has previous experience of palliative care or bereavement work, however transferable skills will also be considered. An interest or experience in working with groups and input to the ongoing development of the services we offer would be part of the role. Experience or an interest in developing work with young people and families also forms part of the service we offer, however the main core of the work is adult based. We offer an excellent working environment, paid supervision (proportional to hours worked) and ongoing support for development.

**Closing date for this position is Monday the 23rd November**

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