



Roscommon Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer

1 part-time Position

Organisation	Vita House, Roscommon town and the Boyle FRC Counselling and Psychotherapy centre in collaboration with the HSE
Job Title	Roscommon Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer
Location	Two days per week in Vita House, Roscommon and one day in Boyle FRC Counselling and Psychotherapy Centre, Boyle.
Application date	Wednesday 3 rd April, 2024 by 5pm
Details of Service	The main objective of the service is to provide a prompt and proactive support to families after a loss by suspected suicide, within a defined framework and protocol in the County. The service will offer early support, information and signposting.
Reporting Relationship	<p>Director of Services, Vita House, Roscommon. The Director of Services in Vita House will work in collaboration with the Clinical Lead in Boyle FRC Counselling and Psychotherapy Centre, Boyle.</p> <p>The Roscommon Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer will be employed by Vita House and will adhere to all relevant policies, procedures and guidelines within the organisation. Regular meetings will be held between Vita House and Boyle FRC Counselling and Psychotherapy Centre.</p>
Terms and conditions of Employment	<p>Hours: Part-time, 3 days (21 hours) per week. 9am to 5pm where possible, Flexibility in chosen days to work.</p> <p>Some flexibility required in working evening/weekend on occasion.</p> <p>Salary: €32,000 (pro rata)</p> <p>Annual Leave: 24 days (pro data)</p> <p>Duration: no fixed duration, position is subject to funding</p> <p>Probation: A 6 month probationary period will apply</p>

<p>Principle Duties and Responsibilities</p>	<p>The Principal duties of the Roscommon Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer will include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop and maintain an interagency protocol to provide a co-ordinated response following a suspected suicide. • Provide timely and relevant support, information and advice. • Assess each case and establish the most appropriate steps for on-going support, signposting or onward referral. • Develop strong relationships with key agencies and first responders in order to facilitate time responses to those bereaved by a suspected suicide. • Assist with the early identification of potential suicide clusters and liaise with agencies to ensure timely and appropriate co-ordinated responses. • Contribute to critical incident responses and take an active co-ordination role, where possible. • Compile relevant information and reports, as requested and co-operate with any service evaluation. • Support community responses in consultation with the HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention. • Promote and safeguard the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults who access the service. • Attend team meetings in Vita House, Boyle Centre and HSE as necessary • Participate in relevant training and Continuous Personal Development. • Any other duties assigned by the Director of Services.
<p>Eligibility Criteria</p>	<p>Qualifications and/or experience</p> <p>The successful candidate will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Third Level qualification in a related field • Minimum of 2 years' relevant post-qualification experience of working with individuals, families and communities. • Valid driver licence and own transport as this post will require regular travel. <p>Skills, competencies and/or knowledge</p> <p>The successful candidate will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the bereavement process and how being bereaved by suicide can affect individuals. • The compassionate and empathic skills required to supportively engage with bereaved families and communities. • Knowledge or experience in the field of suicide prevention.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to prioritise work and co-ordinate multiple responsibilities. • Working knowledge of the mental health field and the key agencies involved • Experience of co-ordinating multi-agency initiatives and of developing working relationships with a variety of professionals in other agencies is desirable • Well-developed organisational, communication and networking skills. • The ability to communicate with disparate disciplines. • A clear understanding of professional boundaries and the need to adhere and uphold them • Presentation and ICT skills. • Comply with responsibilities with the data protection acts 1988, 2003 and 2018(GDPR). • Fulfil obligations as per the Children’s First Act 2015 and comply with Vita House child protection policy. <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development in suicide bereavement. • Experience of interagency working in a similar setting. • Experience assessing and managing risk.
Equipment	Successful applicant will be responsible for Vita House laptop, projector, smartphone and confidential files.
Application process	<p>Applications should be made in writing to:</p> <p>Sarah Boyle Director of Services Vita House Abbey Street Roscommon Town Co. Roscommon</p> <p>Or by email to sboyle@vitahouse.org by Wednesday 3rd April at 5pm</p> <p>Applications should include a letter outlining suitability for the position and adherence to the eligibility criteria. Included should be an up to date Curriculum Vitae. The names of two referees is also required (referees will not be contacts without permission).</p> <p>Note: Garda Vetting is required (of the successful candidate) for this position</p>