



Post CSCST Fellowship in Psychiatry of Learning Disability

This post CSCST Fellowship post is of 2 years duration and is due to commence from July 2021 until July 2023. The applicant should have completed HST training prior to taking up the post. The post is based in St Michael's House which was established in 1956. It offers the successful candidate to work in a social care model. Presently, St. Michael's House comprises of approximately 170 locations in the greater Dublin area. At present the organisation supports 1,936 individuals and their families. The services St Michael's House offers includes schools, residential services, support of those in independent living and also the care of those with dementia and in later life.

Supervision

Dr. Sheena Flavin (Director of Psychiatry) will be both the Educational and Clinical Supervisor. Dr. Janette Tyrell will also provide supervision for the successful candidate.

The Post

The post is based in St. Michael's House Adare Green Coolock. The successful candidate will have access to an office in Coolock and in Ballymun. They will have access to a desktop computer with printer will full IT support. Administration support is available in Coolock. There is access to intranet and internet systems, access to online medical resources and the Healthlink system in Beaumont for blood results of service users and access to the full Service User information system. There is also access to the library in Ballymun which is part of the IDAAL interlibrary loan system. Arrangements also can be arranged for remote working when required.

Training Opportunities

The timetable will be developed with the successful candidate. The day to day work consists of clinical review of service users and new patient assessments. These service users live in both residential units and at home with their families. They also attend day services where assessments can be based. There will be a day for Special Interest and a day for research which is normally on a Thursday. Each month there is a department meeting with a journal club with weekly supervision. There are also MTD meetings regarding service users. On call duties every 8 weeks are also optional with a consultant psychiatrist.

There are also many opportunities to join and participate in Working groups. There are also significant opportunities to be involved in service development particularly in the development of the MHID team.

Multidisciplinary Teams

St Michael's House has an extensive multidisciplinary team. All of the disciplines are represented psychology, SLT, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, dietetics, nursing, social work, home teaching, medical and psychiatry. We work with most of these disciplines on a regular basis based on the care of individual service users. All of these disciplines are based in Coolock.



MHID Team

The MHID team in St Michael's House was established in 2016 by Dr. Philip Dodd. It was one of the first MHID teams to be established on a national level. This was developed and continues to develop in line with Sharing the Vision (2020). It is located in Coolock and mainly provides mental health support and care to those within the Coolock area. It is envisaged that the MHID team will also provide care to those in the other major service areas based in Goatstown and Ballymun in the immediate future.

The team at present consists of two consultant psychiatrists, two clinical nurse specialists and two senior psychologists. We work together to provide mental health support to service users in a community setting. It is hoped that this team will expand in the near future and there is an opportunity to be involved in the service development of this team.

Psychotherapy

There is support available for those who would like to provide therapeutic support to any clients. Supervision can be provided for this.

Management and Clinical Audit

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to act up if they wish during the two years. They will also be able to chair a working group if they wish. There is access to the Mental Health Service on Line Database which other psychiatrists have used for audit. Previous psychiatry trainees have completed audits on the pathway to the diagnosis of Alzheimer's dementia. There is also a chance to join the Regional Mental Health of ID Service Development both in CH09 and in St Michael's House. A new multidisciplinary group has been established to look at clinical and service development initiatives for ageing people with ID as well as the previously mentioned development of the current MHID team.

Teaching

There are ample opportunities for teaching. There is availability to teach on the MSc in Disability Studies at the UCD School of Psychology.

The successful candidate, if they wish, can provide lectures to the students of University of Dublin, Trinity College. They can also be involved in the provision of Specialist Seminars to medical students from RCSI.

Research

St Michael's House is in a formal Teaching and Research partnership with the Centre of Disability Studies in the UCD School of Psychology. Therefore, the successful candidate will also have access to SPSS/Qualitative Research Methods/ Quantitative Research Methods provided by the UCD School of Psychology; in addition a research methodologist (Professor Suzanne Guerin) provides research support to staff in SMH. There is also an opportunity with TILDA for research.