



JOB VACANCY

Aurora New Dawn is pleased to announce the following new post:

INDEPENDENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE ADVOCATE (ISVA)

Hours:

Part-Time: 22 Hours per week

Salary: £22,100 - Unaccredited
(Pro-Rata) £26,276 - On completion (or prior attainment) of relevant role-related Accreditation

Duration: Contract until March 2019, continuation subject to funding.

Location: Portsmouth-based and covering the Eastern Area of Hampshire – regular travel required.

PLEASE NOTE: This post is restricted to women applicants under the Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9, Part 1.

Role:

Aurora New Dawn is a registered charity providing support and advocacy to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence and stalking.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic individual to join our team as an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA).

ISVAs provide high quality, proactive (non-therapeutic) support to victims of sexual violence (aged 16+), particularly through the criminal justice process, by:

- Identifying the needs/risk of each individual client via a holistic assessment process (and assessing risk using an evidence-based risk identification checklist, where required)
- Providing information and both practical and emotional support, with a focus on enabling clients to make informed choices about the options available to them.
- Supporting clients through the criminal justice process, keeping them informed about their case and accompanying them to court, as required.
- Advocating on behalf of clients with other agencies, maintaining an independent role, and ensuring that their needs remain central at all times.
- Working within a multi-agency framework, and engaging fully with local partnership responses to sexual violence and abuse, to continually improve responses for victims of sexual violence.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for someone who has the following:

- Experience of working with individuals who have experienced sexual violence, whether in a paid or voluntary capacity.
- An excellent understanding of sexual violence, including the impact on victims, their families and their children.
- Theoretical, practical and procedural knowledge of civil and criminal justice remedies for victims of sexual violence.
- A clear understanding of safeguarding issues, and the legal responsibilities surrounding these.
- Excellent communication, negotiation and advisory skills - both written and verbal - when interacting with a range of agencies and individuals.
- Strong crisis management skills and the ability to deal with stressful and difficult situations.
- Use of a vehicle and a full, clean, UK driving license. **Please note: due to the nature of the post it is an essential requirement that applicants are able to drive.**

Please see the full Job description and person specification for additional information.

Prior completion of accredited ISVA training would be beneficial, but is not essential. Applications from those with a relevant degree, demonstrable equivalent experience, a vocational qualification, or a willingness to undertake relevant training/study will be welcomed.

To apply:

For full details on how to apply, please download a copy of the job pack, which includes a full job description and person specification.

For a discussion about the role, or for any queries, please contact Zoë Jackson (Operations Manager) on 023 92 479254

Closing date for applications – 4.00pm on Monday 8th May 2017.