

<b>Job Title:</b>	Family Based Service – Play Therapist
<b>Location:</b>	Cork / Kerry – Community Based
<b>Reports to:</b>	Family Service Team Leader
<b>Hours:</b>	0.7WTE Part time - 24 hours p/w This position will require some evening work as a family friendly service.
<b>Salary:</b>	€27,000, €28,709, €30809
<b>Job Type:</b>	Part-Time
<b>Contract:</b>	3 Year Fixed-Term
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide Play Therapy interventions to support the for short and longer term therapeutic needs of young people in the CH04 Area as part of a multi-disciplinary team. To offer support and advice to other staff as required.
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<b>Application Ref:</b>	HR/CRK/SDL/FSPT/0923/LI

Coolmine is a leading drug and alcohol treatment centre providing community, day and residential services to men and women with problematic substance use and their families in Ireland established since 1973. Coolmine Therapeutic Community believes that everyone should have the opportunity to overcome addiction and lead a fulfilled and productive life.

**Role Responsibilities: (Include, but not limited to)**

**Main Responsibilities:**

- To engage in multi-disciplinary teamwork in assessing and monitoring the needs of children referred.
- To plan, implement, evaluate and deliver play therapy programmes to individual and/or groups of young people and prioritise duties.
- To support and participate in the delivery of family support group programmes.
- To document assessments and interventions in line with professional guidelines and to be responsible for keeping up to date statistics for the database.
- To work collaboratively with young people, parents, and colleagues to implement individual care plans and programmes.
- To present monthly Statistical reports to line manager.

- To keep informed of ongoing developments in the field of addiction in terms of families and in the field of play therapy.
- To maintain appropriate records of equipment and to participate in audits and evaluations.
- To maintain active accreditation with appropriate body.
- To adhere to the Codes of Ethics of the play therapy profession.
- Any other duties that may be assigned by the regional manager.

### **Service Delivery Responsibilities**

- To provide group and/or individual play therapy to service users, planning and reviewing treatment in conjunction with the service user and the multidisciplinary team in the context of their full care plan.
- To engage in assertive outreach to support access to the service.
- To assess each service user's suitability for individual or group play therapy.
- To refer on internally or to other appropriate services after assessment or on discharge.
- To assess risk and adopt appropriate measures to maintain a safe and therapeutically sensitive environment for all when faced with challenging behaviour. To contribute to the overall team risk assessment.
- To work and think responsibly and constructively with the relevant multidisciplinary teams and any carers/supporters involved, drawing on clinical experience and theoretical knowledge to highlight any additional concerns or risks.
- To manage time limited therapy with due consideration to the ending in the context of the overall treatment programme.
- To work constructively and flexibly with people from different cultural, social and religious backgrounds.
- To integrate students into appropriate clinical situations whilst giving a level of support to ensure the safety of and benefit to both students and service users.
- To write reports and contribute to the writing of reports as required.
- To plan, develop and deliver individual and group play activities in conjunction with the multidisciplinary team.

### **Administrative Responsibilities**

- To report any incidents, following correct procedure, having sought advice from line manager.
- To have a working knowledge of, and adhere to, current legislation and Coolmine policies including, Child Protection Policy, Child and Vulnerable Adults and Data Protection.

- To ensure own ethical practice by working within the code of ethics of the relevant accrediting body and abiding by Coolmine Confidentiality policies.
- To be competent in the use of IT equipment and systems.
- To maintain accurate service user records including clinical note keeping, report writing, data collection and statistics in accordance with Coolmine policies.
- To take an active part in own line management supervision including own appraisal.
- To work in harmony with colleagues and develop constructive professional relationships.
- To undertake other relevant duties assigned by Line Manager.

### **Training**

- To educate other professionals about play therapy as needed (through workshops /presentations etc).
- To provide supervision to students on placement as appropriate.
- To make full and appropriate use of supervision structures.
- To identify training and development needs through the professional and managerial supervision and performance development process and ensure they are linked to service objectives.
- To maintain skills and proficiencies as required to practise.
- To undertake mandatory training as required.

### **Health & Safety**

- Comply with and contribute to the development of policies, procedures, guidelines and safe professional practice and adhere to relevant legislation, regulations and standards.

The above Job Description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.

### **Management of resources**

- To be responsible for the physical storage and setting out of art therapy equipment.
- To ensure the confidentiality of people's work within the therapy space and the safe and confidential storage of people's work during therapy and post-discharge.

### **Research and development**

- To be aware of developments in good practice and adopt new practices where appropriate.
- To show flexibility and openness to new information based on research that informs the above.
- To participate in evidence-based practice initiatives.

- To participate actively in the research strategy for the organization.

### **Essential to the Post**

Applicants must by the closing date of application have the following Qualifications and / or Experience:

- A recognised professional qualification in play therapy and a recognised qualification in Childcare, Social Work, Psychology or relevant discipline.
- Accreditation with relevant recognised accreditation body.
- 3 years' experience in play therapy.
- Experience of working with young people who have been affected by family substance use.
- Full clean driving licence and willingness to drive as part of job are essential.

### **Health**

A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

### **Application Process:**

Interested candidates who meet the Person Specification requirements should send their CV & cover letter to Dylan Murphy, HR Administrator at [dylan.murphy@coolminetc.ie](mailto:dylan.murphy@coolminetc.ie). Please quote this application reference HR/CRK/SDL/FSPT/0923/LI

The closing date for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2023.

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