

PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFESSIONS NETWORK – EAST OF ENGLAND Leadership Fellow

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are invited from senior psychological professionals in NHS or HEI leadership roles in the East of England to lead the development of the Psychological Professions Network (PPN) in the East of England.

Health Education England have supported the development of Psychological Professions Networks in three areas of England. Additional funding has become available to support further development. A leadership fellow role is available for the East of England to lead on the establishment of a PPN.

There are several well established clinical networks in the East of England which includes the IAPT Network, the Senior Psychological Wellbeing Professionals network and the East Region Clinical advisory group. The fellow will work in collaboration with these East of England Networks and with psychological professions and other stakeholders across the region. This will ensure integration of current networks and allow for greater alignment and joined up working of psychological professions. It will also enable service development across the region to contribute towards a robust blended care pathway.

The role will be focused on establishing an East of England PPN. They will also work closely with HEE in the East of England to support workforce growth and development in response to COVID-19 requirements and the NHS Long Term Plan. These will include support for staff, effective working arrangements to maintain and deliver services remotely, and workforce development in relation to post-COVID-19 need.

The successful candidate will be in a NHS or HEI Psychological professional in a senior leadership role in the East of England. They will:

- Have credibility with psychological professions and wider stakeholders regionally
- Be a strong voice for psychological services in the region
- Promote the PPN and ensure its engagement with members and with HEE
- Demonstrate strategic knowledge and influencing skills
- Ensure the effective functioning of the PPN East of England and its accountability to the steering group, HEE in the East of England and PPN England board
- Ensure the work of the PPN complies with the PPNE Governance Framework
- Regularly attend and contribute to the work of PPN East of England and PPN England
- Work closely with the Programme Manager to deliver the objectives of the PPN East of England

The role is a part-time role for one day per week, with backfill salary funding up to Band 9. This appointment is until end of March 2021. The role could be made available on a secondment basis. Alternative arrangements may be possible.

Expressions of Interest should be via a brief CV (3 pages maximum) and an outline (maximum 500 words) explaining what you will bring to the role, and how you will practically manage the commitment alongside others in your portfolio. Please send your Expression of Interest to Gita Bhutani (details below).

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Closing date – 5pm Friday 23rd October 2020

Interviews will be held at the beginning of November (dates tbc)

Further Information

The role will help create and lead a network of the 12 psychological professions listed here: <https://www.ppn.nhs.uk/resources/ppn-publications/28-who-are-the-12-psychological-professionals-in-nhs-funded-healthcare/file>, and other roles associated with the delivery of psychological services. This will allow a collective voice for these groups to enable, influence and implement workforce planning, development and education commissioning in the East of England.

The network will bring together psychological practitioners, managers, commissioners, professional practice educators, and experts by experience, to form a community of practice to promote and embed excellence in clinical practice across the region and to support consistent delivery of the NHS Long-Term Plan through greater professional engagement in workforce planning and education commissioning at regional, STP/ICS and local levels across the East of England. The PPN will be a prime mover in achieving the LTP and COVID-19 recovery requirements across the East of England in a consistent and considered manner.

The network will perform three key functions:

1. Championing the existing and potential roles of psychological professions across the whole of health care in the region
2. Supporting provision of clinical excellence and innovation of psychological practice across the East of England.
3. Actively engaging with, informing and supporting workforce development/training and expansion at regional, STP/ICS and local levels throughout the region.