

Dublin City University
Faculty of Science & Health
School of Nursing
Researcher in Mental Health (6 month contract)

This position will involve undertaking research on a HSE funded project: **The Mental Health Knowledge Community Practice, Education, Research, Expert by Experience (PEREBE)**

The HSE sponsored the development of a Mental Health Knowledge Community driven by the appointment of a Practice, Education, Research Expert by Experience (PEREBE). The project now requires an evaluation of the PEREBE role.

The researcher will work with Professor Chris Stevenson and the PEREBE, Paddy McGowan to carry out an evaluation based on the National Health Workforce Taskforce National Evaluation Framework which is a method of evaluating 'demonstration projects' considering:

1. the **rationale** or need for the project
2. the **key activities** implemented as part of the study
3. the **key objectives** achieved from the project
4. the **resources** planned and allocated to the project
5. the **indicators** of the degree of project implementation and impact
6. the **additional factors** that influenced project implementation and impact
7. the **methods of managing risks** to project implementation
8. the **distinction of the impact of project activities** from other factors
9. the **sustainability and generalisability** of project activities to other contexts

Thus, the duties of the Research Officer are as follows:

- To review the rationale/need for the project in relation to past present and future through an analysis of policy, service provision and outcomes achieved
- To audit the achievements/gaps in the enactment of the PEREBE role related to specific activities
- To review how resources have been used in the project and where these should be targeted in any extension of the role
- To gather third party information (services, individuals, families, non-statutory agencies) in relation to the impact of the project
- To identify what has facilitated/interrupted the full implementation of the project

- To consider future directions for the project
- To write a comprehensive report for the funder, situating the project in current literature/evidence

Qualifications and Experience

The successful candidate must have a degree in a mental health related discipline, for example, psychology, sociology, health studies, psychotherapy. A postgraduate degree (Masters and/or PhD) in a cognate area would be a distinct advantage as would experience as a mental health service user. Experience of both quantitative and qualitative research skills will be required in order to produce a 360 degree evaluation. Ability to work autonomously, to manage contact with external agencies and research management abilities will be important considerations in appointment.

Salary:	Research Assistant	€21,864 - €35,213 pa
	Postdoctoral Researcher	€38,285 - €47,932pa
	Subject to qualifications and experience	

Closing date: Monday 12th July 2010

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Application Procedure

Application forms are available at: www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml and from Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9.

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